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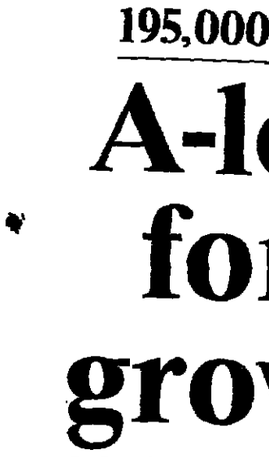
BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

■ A cutback in government funding and an improvement in A-level results have combined to increase competition for precious places at university

THE scramble for higher education places grew desperate yesterday as universities swiftly rejected thousands of candidates who narrowly missed their target A-level grades.

Within 24 hours of the publication of results, universities and colleges had turned down more than 195,000 applications — 25,000 more than at the same stage last year. The squeeze follows government funding cuts for arts and social science courses and a rise in the A-level pass-rate.

Competition for places is likely to be stiffer next year. There will be a knock-on effect as admissions tutors encourage students to defer entry in an attempt to counter over-



recruitment on the most popular degree courses.

University vice-chancellors said the situation was already beyond rescue. The government could not avoid "politically difficult" decisions requiring graduates to contribute more towards the cost of their education if properly funded expansion was to return next year.

Business leaders voiced concern at the growing imbalance between the numbers studying science and arts. The Institute of Directors said that the drift from science threatened national prosperity and urged ministers to join a campaign to reverse the trend.

Evidence of the scale of the clampdown on university places emerged yesterday from the Universities Central Council on Admissions (Ucca), which reported that 97,199 applications had been rejected by yesterday morning, compared with 84,190 last summer. Only 41,000 of the expected 130,000 places remained, with more than 96,000 applications still under consideration. The Polytechnics and Colleges Admissions Service (PCAS) said the number of students eligible for clearing — the system that attempts to find disappointed candidates an alternative course — exceeds last year's figure by 12,000. There were only about 36,000 vacancies remaining for the expected 130,000 places.

Mike Scott, deputy chief executive, said prospects were bleak for candidates seeking arts and social science places through clearing, which starts on Wednesday. "Usually admissions tutors divide applicants into three piles," he said, "those who achieve their required grades, those who just fall short and those who miss by miles. This year there is no middle pile, as tutors are rejecting outright those who do not get the right grades." Some people who achieved the right A-level points score but in the wrong subjects were also being turned away.

Ann Taylor, Labour education spokeswoman, said the situation was fast becoming a scandal. "The government is sitting on its hands, content to watch tens of thousands of talented, well-qualified young people fall by the wayside."

The rapid expansion in higher education over the past decade has been largely in arts and social science courses. Universities and colleges expected the growth to continue this year, but they have been forced to limit places at 1992-3 levels after ministers cut funding for arts and social courses by £550 per student in December.

Barry Jackson, spokesman for the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said the government had jeopardised the future of thousands of well-qualified young people with its stop-go policy. "Universities cannot stagger from one year to the next with the government changing the rules as it goes along," he said.

University vice-chancellors are drawing up a blueprint to present to ministers in October. Mr Jackson said this would include detailed policies on how to achieve a controlled expansion of higher education: "If that requires them to take politically difficult decisions by looking to graduates to partly fund their education, then so be it."

Baroness Blatch, the education minister, has advised students who miss out on their first choice arts courses to consider switching into science. A spokesman for the department said ministers had shifted the balance of university tuition fees to provide an incentive to take on more science students.

Hull University said it expected record applications for an engineering science course which accepts people without mathematics and science A-levels.



Diggle arriving at the Old Bailey, where the judge ordered psychiatric reports

Solicitor guilty of attempted date rape

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SOLICITOR was found guilty at the Old Bailey yesterday of trying to rape a woman lawyer whom he had taken to a dinner dance.

Angus Diggle, 37, of Bolton, Greater Manchester, who had denied the charge, was granted bail until he is sentenced at Mold Crown Court, Clwyd, on September 17, where Judge Williams will next be sitting.

The judge warned him not to "glean any hope" from the fact that he had been bailed; it was to allow him to keep interview appointments for psychiatric and pre-sentence reports.

Outside court, a detective who telephoned Diggle's victim, Miss X, with news of the verdict said she was "relieved it was all over" and she now "just wanted to forget about it".

After the case it emerged that last January Diggle was dismissed from his job with a health authority after he was fined £50 by Manchester city magistrates for harassing a woman on a train in August 1992. He pleaded guilty to "interfering with the comfort of passengers".

During the attempted rape case, the court heard that Miss X, an Edinburgh solicitor, aged 25, had allowed him to return with her to a friend's flat in west London after attending a St Andrew's day ball at the Grosvenor House hotel in London last November.

The prosecution said the arrangement was that they should change and have coffee before they both caught early trains. But after she fell asleep, Diggle got into bed with her and tried to have sex, wearing only the lace cuffs of his Highland dress.

In his defence, Diggle said he believed he had received an invitation to have sex with the woman after which, he claimed, she stripped and sat naked on a bed in front of him.

Before announcing their verdict yesterday, the jury returned to court to say that ten jurors had decided he was

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Battle looming on US jet contracts

BY IAN BRODIE AND ROSS TIEMAN

A NEW transatlantic row over state involvement in the aerospace industry was looming last night after intervention by President Clinton was reported to have secured a £4 billion order for American aircraft manufacturers.

The contract, with Saudia, the Saudi Arabian national airline, had been expected to go to Airbus Industrie, the European consortium in which British Aerospace is a partner.

A Saudi order for 60 passenger jets is now expected to be split between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas in recognition of American help during the Gulf war. If confirmed, it is likely to deepen resentment among the European allies that US arm-twisting has won American manufacturers, particularly in the defence and aerospace industries, Middle East contracts which they might have lost had commercial and technical criteria been applied.

The president's personal appeal to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia appears to mark a growing shift in US policy under which government is expected to champion the cause of industry. By getting involved, Mr Clinton kept faith with his election promise to try to create more jobs. He has singled out the aerospace industry for help, claiming job losses at Boeing and McDonnell Douglas were triggered by unfair subsidies provided by European governments.

Airbus has argued, however, that hidden government help for US planemakers far outweighed any benefit it receives from governments.

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Fear and starvation stalk the cruel Croat camps of Mostar



One young Muslim inmate had no more than thin sticks for limbs. Richard Beeston reports from a prison camp in Rodoc, Herzegovina

THOUSANDS of Bosnian Muslim civilians are being held in makeshift Croat detention camps near the city of Mostar, where overcrowding, malnourishment and physical abuse — sometimes leading to death — have become routine.

In an inspection of one detention camp and in discussions with inmates and civilians in the southern Herzegovinan city, a pattern of human rights violations has emerged to parallel those committed against Muslims last year by the Serbs in northern Bosnia.

The Times, with Western reporters and a human rights monitoring group, was admitted yesterday by the Bosnian Croat militia into the former Yugoslav heliport at Rodoc, where 2,500 prisoners are being held, most of them seized since fighting between Muslim and Croat forces broke out in May.

One small section of the prison, which appeared well serviced, held Croat and foreign criminals including a German, a Spaniard and a Briton, who would not give his name but described himself as a mercenary from Newcastle upon Tyne.

Most of the facility, however, was taken over by cells crammed with Muslims, arrested for little more than their faith. In the only cell journalists were allowed to visit, 61 inmates were squashed into a room the size of a large office; it held 18 beds. Under the watchful gaze of prison guards, most of the men were reluctant to talk, though their skinny frames and terrified faces spoke for themselves. Tula Denis, 14, who was seized by Croat forces with his father six weeks ago, appeared to have come close to starvation, a point confirmed by trousers almost too loose to wear standing up. Nisad Hodzic, who has been at Rodoc 50 days, has sticks for limbs, a rib-cage protruding from his chest and a head apparently too large for his emaciated body.

Prisoners on manual work at Rodoc are lucky, however, compared with other Muslim civilians made to dig trenches and fill sandbags on the frontline positions near the river Neretva in Mostar town centre.

The camp's commandant, Stanko Bozic, said that prisoners were well fed, three times a day, that inmates' ages ranged between 18 and 60, and that Muslim detainees, two-thirds of the 1,500 prisoners, were "being held here for their own security". But the inmates said they were fed only twice a day, and then only on bread, tea and soup.

Human rights workers, who monitor detention camps in Bosnia-Herzegovina run by all three factions, said that Rodoc was not as bad as the Serb-run prisoner camps which shocked international opinion last year. They said Rodoc was the "Hilton hotel" of the area's detention centres.

The arrest and harassment of the Muslims, who once comprised more than a third of Mostar's population, is a tactic used by the Croats to make their half of the city "ethnically clean" of other communities.

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Man held after murder of his family

BY ROBIN YOUNG

RONALD Godfrey, 58, head of an office cleaning company, was under arrest in Oxford last night after the discovery of his mother-in-law, wife, and daughter, all beaten to death with a hammer.

The body of 70-year-old Florence Jeffrey, Mr Godfrey's mother-in-law, was found in a two-storey terraced house in the Jericho area of Oxford after friends had alerted police because they had been unable to contact her.

Shortly afterwards the bodies of Mrs Jeffrey's daughter and grand-daughter, Margaret and Susan Godfrey, were found in a modern semi-detached house in Marston, Oxford.

Thames Valley police said that the extent of injuries the dead women had sustained, and the time which had elapsed since they were killed, made formal identification difficult. They said it might take as long as two days, and would probably have to be based on evidence such as dental records or fingerprints. The police also said that a lump hammer had been found near the scene of the attack on Mrs Jeffrey.

The Godfreys were due to leave the house in Marston which had been sold. Neighbours said that the family kept to themselves and seemed very ordinary.

Mrs Godfrey worked for the Oxford University Chest, and Susan Godfrey for electrical switchgear manufacturers, W. Lucy and Company.

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Silver, gold and a record for Britain

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

COLIN Jackson, the favourite who failed at the 1992 Olympic Games, won Britain's third gold medal of the world athletics championships in Stuttgart yesterday. He finished first in the 110 metres hurdles in a world record time of 12.91sec.

Another Briton, Tony Jarrett, finished second in 13sec, with the American hurdlers, who had criticised Jackson for failing to win major events, trailing. Jackson said: "The most important thing was to react very fast to the gun and get to the first hurdle in front. After that, I just ran it smoothly from there."

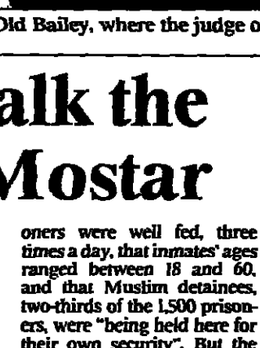
John Regis became in the first Briton to run under 20 seconds in finishing second in the 200 metres final to add to Britain's success at the championships.

Mick Hill of Britain took an unexpected bronze medal in the javelin when he was upgraded after Dimitry Polyunin of Uzbekistan, who had originally finished third, was found to have tested positive for anabolic steroids.

At the Oval, England, after a summer of discontent, yesterday dominated the final Test against Australia, with three bowlers recalled to the team for the first time this summer taking the wickets.

At the close Australia were 239 for eight in reply to England's 380. Angus Fraser, in his first Test for 2½ years, had three for 63 in 20 overs.

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Jackson: world record in the high hurdles

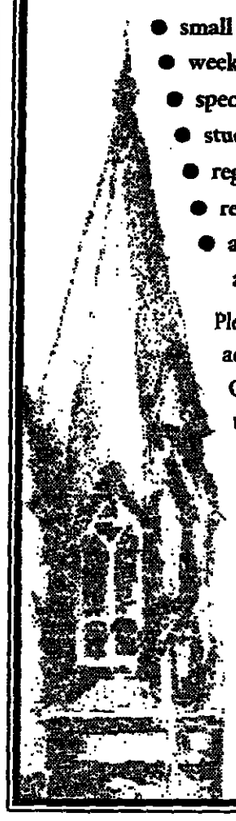
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BBC aims to save £50m with good housekeeping

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BBC staff are to be asked to cut £50 million from their expenditure in the next financial year by implementing a policy called Self Help, which will involve reducing waste and working harder.

The expected savings come on top of a £65 million reduction in overheads and spending during the past three years and a £70 million cut in overheads predicted for the present financial year.

The strategy has been devised by the corporation's new finance director, Rodney Baker-Bates, and the aim is to cut 10 per cent from the central administration budget and 3 per cent from programme-making budgets in 1994-5. The money saved will be used to make more television and radio programmes.

Self Help is likely to be fiercely resisted by the broadcasting union, Bectu, which claimed yesterday that the BBC's relentless efficiency drives were compromising standards.

Tony Lennon, president of Bectu, said: "Despite massive productivity gains, there is a limit to how far you can spread the jam. Programme-makers are already having to scrimp and save on things such as scenery and editing time."

Other BBC staff were concerned that the corporation's economising could cause it more financial hardship. They fear that the government will reduce its £1.4 billion income from the television licence fee if it saves too much money.

There were indications this week that a confidential report commissioned by the government from the consultants Touche Ross may suggest reducing the licence fee in real terms. The heritage department will begin discussions on the level of the licence fee, currently £83 for a colour set, for the period 1994-6 after receiving the report early next week.

Unlike previous cost-cutting drives within the BBC, which have been based on large-scale initiatives such as redundancies, restructuring departments or introducing new accounting systems, the Self Help policy will be based on old-fashioned good housekeeping. Every member of staff will be issued with guidelines that will urge them to increase productivity within their own departments by as many means as possible, however minor.

One employee said: "We won't quite be counting the paper clips, but we will be expected to make sure that we do not waste anything. It will be very tough."

Self Help is based on the theory that because the BBC has been so successful in the past three years with its large-scale cuts, only the cumulative effect of small savings can reduce spending further.

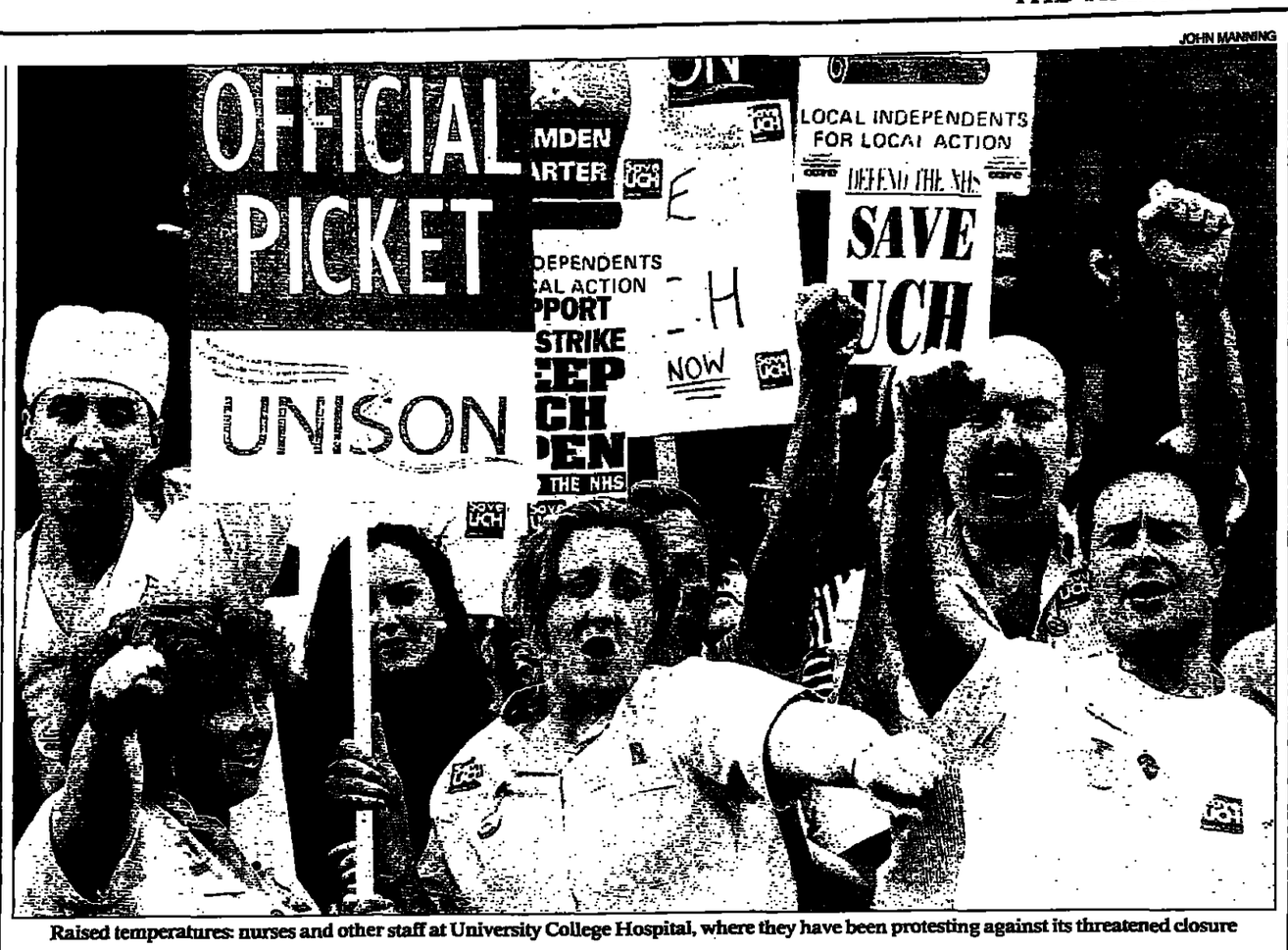
If the policy is successful it should allow the BBC to increase the proportion of revenue spent on programme-making from 93 to about 95 per cent.

BBC management said that the savings achieved so far had already allowed it to spend an extra £50 million on making programmes this year. Some of the money released by Self Help will be used to extend BBC1's flagship arts programme *Omnibus* from 20 to 26 episodes.

Nonetheless, it is likely to be highly unpopular with staff, who are still smarting from the effects of more than 6,000 redundancies in the past five years and a restructuring programme that has cost more than £200 million.

Savings have also been achieved from swingeing cuts to expenses. Last month the corporation ended the soft-sole shoe allowance, which enabled those whose work required them to tread on studio floors to claim rubber-soled shoes as legitimate expenses. This week it was disclosed that Radio 4 will save itself £30,000 a year in royalty fees by dropping the *Sailing By* tune from its close-down sequence each night.

JOHN MANNING



Raised temperatures: nurses and other staff at University College Hospital, where they have been protesting against its threatened closure

Enquiry teams prepare to enter pit

BY PAUL WILKINSON

Investigators insist that they will keep an open mind on the cause of the roof fall at Bilsthorpe colliery that killed three miners

INDEPENDENT experts investigating the cause of the Bilsthorpe pit tragedy will move in as soon as rescue workers have removed the body of the last victim of Wednesday's roof collapse, in which three miners died and three were rescued.

David Shelton, 31, the under-manager of the Nottinghamshire mine, was trapped under a tangle of rocks, steel and other debris that overwhelmed him and his two colleagues half a mile underground. His body was expected to be freed during the course of last night.

The fall of a 40-yard section of tunnel ceiling on to a development team preparing a new coalface four miles from the pit shaft bottom will be examined by three separate investigation teams. Yesterday, spokesmen for all three — British Coal, the pit union and the Health and Safety Executive — said they were keeping an open mind on the issue of the support bolts used to hold up the ceiling in the collapsed Parkgate seam.

British Coal has begun its own internal enquiry, headed by John Longden, the Nottinghamshire coalfield director. He has asked an outside independent expert to assist him. Professor Winton Gale of Strata Control Technology in Woollongong, Australia, where roof bolting was pioneered, is expected at the pit this weekend.

Stuart Oliver, a British Coal spokesman, said the investigation would be far-reaching. "It is not just the roof bolts, there is some other factor. What it is, only the enquiry will find out." He said the rock fall was so extensive no method of roof support would have been able to withstand it. In some places the ceiling had collapsed up to a height of 20 feet. One line of enquiry would examine the possibility that the new roadway had been driven too close to abandoned workings, thus weakening the integrity of the rock surrounding the new tunnel.

British Coal said that their enquiry had only one remit: to discover exactly what happened. As an internal enquiry its conclusions would not be made public but would be passed to the HSE, which is to release its own findings.

Norman Revell, the HSE's principal inspector in its mines inspectorate branch, has been at Bilsthorpe since Wednesday and was, in the early stages, directly involved in the rescue efforts.

He and his team will prepare a report for Brian Langdon, the deputy chief inspector of the mines inspectorate. Mr Langdon said: "We need to take preventative and protective measures, mainly to prevent a repetition of such an incident". He would be producing recommendations to ensure there was no recurrence of the accident.

His investigators have wide ranging powers under a Royal warrant to question whoever they consider to be relevant to their inquiry and also to examine documents.

The Union of Democratic Mineworkers has its own engineers at Bilsthorpe. Their report, along with comments from two rank-and-file union members selected to investigate the accident, will also be passed to the HSE.

Mick Stevens, the area secretary, said: "We are happy with the manner in which the accident is to be investigated and intend to give the HSE enquiry all the assistance we can."

He expected work to resume in the rest of the Bilsthorpe mine on Monday.

Nurses clash over blockade

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

A HUNDRED striking nurses and their supporters were involved in angry scenes at University College Hospital in London yesterday when they mounted a blockade after a disagreement with management over emergency cover. Nurses have been on strike this week over the hospital's threatened closure.

An otherwise peaceful picket became heated when management refused to give permission for a nurse to leave the picket line to help maintain emergency cover on a surgical ward.

An hour-long blockade of the hospital's foyer and claims that patients' lives were being put at risk resulted in a management change of heart. They have said the nurse will not be paid.

The hospital's general manager, Sue Griffiths, said: "We had assessed the situation and the manager in charge felt there were sufficient nurses on staff."

Portillo tries to ease Tory tax fears

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, tried yesterday to calm the dispute among Tory MPs on how to cut the government's deficit by insisting that the party was still committed to low taxation.

He brushed aside demands for no rises in direct taxation from Lord Parkinson, the former party chairman, and right-wing MPs in the magazine *Forward*. He did not rule out "some tax increases" in the Budget.

As he played down splits within the party over spending cuts versus higher taxes, Mr Portillo said: "We do believe that direct taxes have a very negative effect on incentives and people do need to be 'incentivised' if we are going to have recovery. So just because we're going to control public spending, and we may have to have some tax increases, we're not going to forget that we are a low taxation party."

Mr Portillo said that right-wing MPs who wanted harsher cuts in spending had underestimated the government's efforts to cut the public deficit. "We've set ourselves extremely tough targets which will be very difficult to meet and which will require us to make some very painful decisions," he said.

John Townend, chairman of the Tory backbench finance committee, sided with Lord Parkinson in calling for the government to cut public spending further and hold down direct taxes or face losing the next general election. He said: "If we do not tackle public expenditure, and we go into the next election as the party that has increased taxation, we don't stand a hope in hell of winning."

Putting VAT on fuel had not been welcomed by voters, and if spending was not cut now "a lot of support will go in the country", he said.

Geoffrey Dickens, Tory MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, said he could support a few extra pence on income tax. "I could stomach direct tax as long as it was ring-fenced for two years only and people knew it was just to get us through this difficult patch."

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Insecticide might be 'mad cow' link

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE government is being urged to investigate a possible link between "mad cow" disease, which has killed more than 100,000 cattle over the past seven years, and a widely used insecticide.

Mark Purdey, who runs a small dairy herd near Taunton, Somerset, claims that the use of organophosphate (OP) chemicals to treat warble fly infestation in cattle could have caused the brain condition known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

This conflicts with the view of scientists working for the agriculture ministry that BSE was transmitted to cattle in meat and bonemeal rations containing the ground-up remains of sheep infected with scrapie, which causes exactly the same brain damage as BSE.

Mr Purdey, a member of the well-known gunsmith family, has spent two years trying without success to get the ministry to investigate this theory. A London-based academic journal, the *Journal of Nutritional Medicine*, is now considering publishing a paper by Mr Purdey.

Kevin Taylor, assistant chief veterinary officer at the agriculture ministry, said: "We will examine any new evidence if and when it is published. One of the first things we did when BSE broke out was to look at a possible link with agro-chemicals, including OPs, but we could not find any."

During the 1980s organophosphates were widely used to eradicate the warble fly, which lays its eggs on cattle. After hatching, the maggots migrate through the body, causing swellings. The animals lose condition and their milk yield drops.

Gould fires broadside at Labour leadership

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR Labour MP criticised John Smith's leadership yesterday for doing nothing to win over Labour voters in the South.

Bryan Gould said that instead of relying on "cliché-ridden sound bites" Mr Smith should use some old-fashioned political argument to win over disillusioned Conservatives.

"If we don't give the voters positive reasons for voting Labour, we simply deliver the South to the Liberals and, without the South, we can kiss goodbye to a majority Labour government," Mr Gould, MP for Dagenham, wrote in the *Tribune* newspaper.

His remarks, similar in tone to Lord Parkinson's attack on John Major's leadership this week, echoes recent grumblings from many Labour MPs about relying on the Tories losing support. Mr Gould said the "worrying" strategy of sitting tight and waiting for Tory unpopularity to deliver the next general election told the party much about the party leadership's true ambitions — "or lack of them".

"Standing up while the Liberal Democrats reap the benefits of Tory unpopularity in the South makes sense only if we have resigned ourselves to sharing power with them after the next election," he writes. "If that is what now passes for strategic thinking, then the party should at least be let in on the secret."



Gould: echoing MPs' grumbles on tactics

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sailors treated after submarine leak

Thirty naval ratings were treated in hospital after inhaling toxic fumes from a diesel generator on board the nuclear-powered submarine HMS *Torbay*. The defence ministry said there was no threat of nuclear discharge from the submarine, which is berthed at Devonport dockyard, Plymouth. The incident happened on Wednesday but details were disclosed only yesterday.

The ministry said that the ratings were taken to the Royal Naval hospital in Plymouth for observation. All but one have returned to their ship. An investigation has begun.

Lib-Dem man's death

An open verdict was passed yesterday on the death of Ian Newton, 26, a Liberal Democrat canvasser who was found naked on a railway line on July 10 after being electrocuted. Mr Newton's mother, Rita Birch, told an inquest in Bournemouth that her son started behaving strangely after canvassing successfully for prospective MPs.

Lost painting identified

A Caravaggio painting which hung unrecognised for more than 60 years in a Jesuit house in Dublin was authenticated yesterday. *Christ Taken Into Captivity*, which was discovered in 1991 by the National Gallery of Ireland's chief restorer, is valued at up to £50 million. It was found while the Jesuits' house was being decorated.

Ten hurt in IRA attack

Ten people were injured yesterday in an IRA mortar attack on the court house in Newry, co. Down. Two police officers and eight civilians were treated for head injuries and bruises after three mortars were fired from the back of a lorry about 11am. Only one exploded. Seamus Mallon, SDLP MP for Newry and Armagh, condemned the attack as murderous.

Tourist dies in cliff fall

A French tourist fell to her death from the Giant's Causeway in co. Antrim yesterday. Claudine Fillol, 69, from Paris, fell 100ft from a clifftop known as Hamilton's Seat. Paramedics were winched down to her from an RAF helicopter but she was dead by the time they arrived. It was the first death at the beauty spot since 1962.

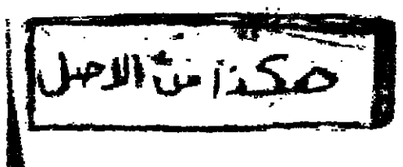
New gay killing charges

A man charged with the murder of two homosexuals was charged yesterday with killing three more men. Colin Ireland, 39, of Southend, Essex, was due to appear before magistrates at Horseferry Road, London, today accused of murdering Peter Walker, a theatre director, Christopher Dunn, a librarian, and Perry Bradley, a marketing director.

Diamonds lost in sleep

A diamond courier who fell asleep on a train woke to find a bag of gems worth £20,000 had been stolen from under her seat. The courier, who boarded the InterCity train at Watford, Hertfordshire, was carrying the diamonds from central London to Birmingham for auction.





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MICHAEL Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, tried today to calm the dispute among Tory MPs on how to reduce the government's deficit by insisting that the party was committed to low taxation.

He brushed aside demands for rises in direct taxation from Lord Parkinson, the former party chairman and right-wing MPs in the magazine *Forward*. He did not rule out some tax increases, in the Budget.

He played down splits within the party over spending versus higher taxes. Mr Portillo said: "We do believe that direct taxes have a very negative effect on incentives and people do need to be incentivised if we are going to have recovery. So just because we are going to control public spending, and we may have to put some tax increases, we're not going to forget that we are a low taxation party."

Portillo said that right-wing MPs who wanted further cuts in spending had underestimated the government's efforts to cut the public sector. "We've set ourselves extremely tough targets which will be very difficult to meet and which will require us to take some very painful decisions," he said.

Ian Townend, chairman of the Tory backbench finance committee, sided with Lord Parkinson in calling for the government to cut public spending further and rule out direct tax rises in the next general election. He said: "The public expenditure figures are [illegible] into the Budget [illegible] party that [illegible] tion, we [illegible] in hell of [illegible] ming VAT [illegible] welcomed [illegible] nding was [illegible] support [illegible] try", he said. offrey Dig[illegible] ittleborough, said he [illegible] xtra pence [illegible] uld start [illegible] as it was [illegible] years [illegible] it was [illegible] gh this [illegible]

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Neighbours' fears led to discovery of triple murder

BY BILL FROST

THE investigation which led to the grisly discovery of the bodies of three women from three generations of the same Oxford family began when friends became concerned about the health of 70-year-old Florence Jeffrey.

Mrs Jeffrey had been convalescing at her home in the city's Jericho area — frequently used as a location for the *Inspector Morse* television detective series — after undergoing treatment for cancer of the throat. Friends became anxious after not seeing her for a week and knocked on her door repeatedly. Finally, fearing Mrs Jeffrey had fallen ill, two neighbours flagged down a police car late on Thursday night. A man answered the door and officers found Mrs Jeffrey dead in an upstairs room.

Minutes later, police arrived at a semi-detached house in Marston, two miles from Jericho. They discovered the bodies of Mrs Jeffrey's daughter, Margaret Godfrey, 50, and grand-daughter, Susan, 22, at a modern semi-detached house where they lived with Mrs Godfrey's husband, Ronald, a contract cleaner and former fireman.

The women had died as a result of multiple skull fractures after being beaten with a hammer, which was recovered from one of the two houses.

Det Supt John Stowe, who is leading the murder enquiry, said yesterday that formal identification of the women was proving difficult because of their injuries, the length of time since they had died and the lack of known relatives. Fingerprints or dental records may have to be used for identification.

Forensic scientists conducted a search of both houses. Detectives believe the murder victims had been dead for some time, possibly as long as four days. Through the open door of Mrs Jeffrey's home, officers could be seen bagging up items in the narrow hall.

A caretaker at a synagogue next door recalled seeing Mrs Jeffrey sitting on her step grooming the two dogs on which she doted. Both pets were found alive in the small terraced house yesterday but one was seriously injured with a slashed throat.

Muriel Walker, one of the Mrs Jeffery's neighbours, described her as "a very, very sweet old lady". She added: "Flo's health had not been very good so we were worried when she did not appear for a while.

"I cannot see how anyone could hurt a person like that. She was so gentle she wouldn't harm a fly."

Other neighbours also expressed shock. Mohammed Akram Ali, Mrs Jeffrey's postman, said: "I have known her for years and years, she was extremely friendly and polite. She always had a kind word for everyone."

Gordon Stowell, 48, said: "It is terrifying that a murder like this could happen so close to home. It like something out of *Inspector Morse*. I just hope the poor old lady didn't suffer too much."

Neighbours near the house in Westrup Close, Marston, where Mrs Godfrey and her daughter were found dead, described the family as "pleasant and apparently very close". Earlier they had watched as police wearing protective clothing and face masks carried the bodies to an ambulance.

Margaret Fulford, a midwife, said she knew them as "a fairly ordinary middle-aged couple who had an adult daughter. But they didn't appear to socialise or mix with people around here."

She said the house had been for sale for some time and she understood they had been planning to move to Eynsham, near Oxford.

Susan Godfrey's employers yesterday described her as "a cheerful and well liked member of staff". She worked as a secretary at W. Lucy, an electrical engineering business in the Jericho area.

Tony Winckworth, the company secretary, said that Miss Godfrey's absence had not been noticed as she was thought to have been on holiday.

Triple killing, page 1



Murder scene: police search near Mrs Jeffery's home



MICHAEL POWELL

Jurassic eggs: Anna North, 4, from Oxford, weighing up a clutch of would-be Sauropods in a fossilised nest to be auctioned next month



Jurassic Park: stars of Steven Spielberg's film watching a dinosaur hatch

Dinosaurs' eggs go under the hammer

THOSE who have seen the film, read the book, or simply endured the publicity had an opportunity yesterday to inspect the eggs and contemplate the droppings (John Shaw writes).

Hype for the film *Jurassic Park* has brought two nests of dinosaur eggs and other prehistoric fossils on to the art market. The collection is expected to make more than £50,000 at Bonhams, in Knightsbridge, central London, on September 15.

The larger nest contains 10 eggs laid over 70 million years ago in the late Jurassic to early Cretaceous period by a Sauropod, a herbivorous dinosaur. The eggs measure 5½in in diameter and the nest is approximately 18in by 17in.

Both nests were found in the same location, Xixia in China's Henan province. The droppings were found in Hanksville, Utah.

The sale includes a large, three-toed dinosaur footprint quarried near Swanage, Dorset, and a collection of amber with insect inclusions.

☐ An enamel and rose diamond RAF wings brooch, which once belonged to the late Dame Anna Neagle, is expected to make up to £1,500 in a sale at Gleneagles Hotel, Tayside, during the August bank holiday.

Solicitor found guilty

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guilty, one disagreed and one was undecided. The judge sent them back to their room, saying he could not accept a verdict where one juror was undecided, and a few minutes later they returned with a 10-2 majority decision.

During the trial the court had heard that Diggle, in full Highland dress, including a kilt, had left with Miss X in a taxi after eight hours of revelry. During the evening he had put his arm around her and she had not objected.

But the issue to be decided was what had happened after they arrived at the flat. The prosecution alleged that Diggle, a bachelor, was determined to sleep with Miss X after spending some £200 on taking her to the ball.

Andrew Campbell, for the prosecution, said Miss X had told Diggle could use the couch if he wanted to sleep, and had then turned away, taken off her clothes and got into bed. They were in the living room, while her friends were in the bedroom, when Diggle pounced.

Miss X told the court that when she managed to escape she ran for help to her friends in the next room.

Diggle claimed the woman had stripped in front of him. He said he had undressed and approached her, but after a few seconds he realised his mistake.

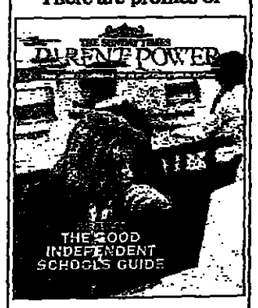
After the verdict, Mr Campbell told the court that Diggle lived with his mother in Bolton. He had a degree in law from Bristol University, and was working as a solicitor in Manchester.

The details of Diggle's conviction for "interfering with comfort of passengers" were not put before the trial judge and later it was explained that some offences dealt with by magistrates do not form the subject of a police record.

The Solicitors Complaints Bureau said it was investigating Diggle and would be looking into all aspects of his conduct. He had not applied for a certificate to practise as a solicitor since 1990, a spokeswoman said after yesterday's verdict.

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Woman clubbed as she tended grave

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

A WOMAN suffered serious head injuries after being attacked and robbed as she tended a family grave in a country churchyard.

Elizabeth Baylis, 63, was found slumped at the graveside by a church official who had gone to lock up St Mary's Parish Church in Hanbury, Hereford and Worcester. She was taken to Walsgrave Hospital in Coventry where she underwent emergency surgery for head injuries. Her condition was described last night as serious but stable.

Insp John MacDonald, of West Mercia police, said: "It is a sad indictment on our society that someone isn't even safe in a churchyard. I am absolutely appalled by this totally unprovoked incident."

The church has been used to stage weddings for *The Archers*. The programme's creator, Godfrey Baseley, 89, said that it was an "ideal and perfect setting".

Police believe that Miss Baylis, of Stoke Prior, near Bromsgrove, was struck on Thursday evening with a heavy, blunt instrument. Her handbag, containing £200 in cash and bank documents, is missing. She had earlier withdrawn cash from a building society to pay for her car tax.

Forensic experts were yesterday examining a lump hammer which was found near by and police were conducting house-to-house enquiries.

Miss Baylis had driven to the churchyard, two miles from her home, to tend the grave of her brother who died a few months ago.

Mr MacDonald said: "It seems the motive was theft or robbery. This was a very quiet and isolated Norman church in a rural area. It is the last place you would expect an attack of this nature."

Age shall not weary the Hollywood sex symbol

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE news that the actor Anthony Quinn, at the grand old age of 78, has fathered a child by a woman other than his wife has prompted a wave of inventive headlines, profound respect among his peers and fans, but little surprise in Hollywood circles.

For most of America's male stars are distinctly long in the tooth these days. As Quinn observed in his own defence: "Look, Jack Nicholson [aged 56] had babies without a marriage certificate. Others are doing it."

The recent scandal over Heidi Fleiss, the alleged madam of an expensive Hollywood prostitution ring, proves that Tinseltown's obsession with sex is undiminished, despite Aids, family values and Dan Quayle. Old age and marriage, it seems, are also no barrier.

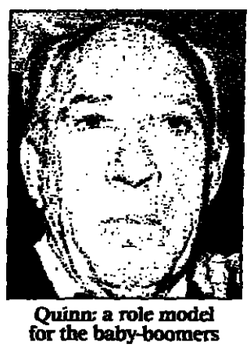
"This happens today," Quinn said. It also happened yesterday, as Charlie Chaplin proved by siring his last child at the age of 73.

When Quinn potters off in his limo to collect his new daughter from the Hollywood kindergarten, he will not be the only veteran celebrity parent. Clint Eastwood, for example, has become a father again at the age of 63.

Quinn has made 120 films and 11 children so far and, instead of damning his latest production as a betrayal of his wife of 29 years, most Americans seem to regard his late-blooming fertility with undisguised awe. A telephone poll by the *New York Post* concluded yesterday that 57 per cent of respondents felt that Iolanda Quinn should immediately forgive her husband for his transgressions. Only a handful felt his behaviour was immoral; a rather larger number considered it thoroughly admirable for a man of his years.

Today's screen heroes pant a little when they run. The hair is thinner, the stubble silvery and the paunch a little more pronounced. But the sexual magic, we are led to believe, is undimmed.

Eastwood's latest film, *In The Line of Fire*, stars himself as an aging Secret Service agent who suffers something close to a heart attack when he tries to keep up with the presidential motorcade. The film is full of jokes at the expense of Eastwood's age, as the grizzled star wheezes from scene to scene. But he still gets the girl, merely by raising one greying eyebrow higher than the other.



Quinn: a role model for the baby-boomers

It is plainly a comfort to many Americans to find their old-timer film heroes, on screen and off, behaving (as P.G. Wodehouse put it) like sailors in a Marseilles bistro when they might be expected to retire to bed with nothing more than a fistful of aspirin.

This is a reflection of demographics as well as testosterone. The upper slice of the baby-boom generation is now in middle age. Most have families, a couple of marriages and are beginning to wonder if they can still cut the mustard. Nothing cheers up this section of the population more than the sight of Sean Connery, 63, hurtling across the screen and into the sack.

In his recent *Indecent Proposal*, Robert Redford, also 63, wins Demi Moore from Woody Harrelson, half his age. (When I saw this rather boring film, a number of elderly cinema-goers burst into spontaneous applause when Redford got his girl.)

Many of these stars are grandparents. Quinn, whose eldest son, Duncan, is 50, has a slew of grandchildren and even a couple of great-grandchildren.

Some, it seems, have greatness and paternity thrust upon them, almost simultaneously. Quinn put it this way: "Kathy [his secretary of nine years] said she wanted a child by me. I said, 'I don't know if I can.' Well, I could."

He has not shirked his parental responsibilities to the rest of his brood (eight born within wedlock, three outside it) and like many older, wealthier fathers he will probably make an attentive parent.

When the birth was announced Quinn, showing an appreciation of his own filmic and seductive qualities, observed: "She's beautiful. She looks like me."

Bookies cut odds on little green men

BY PAUL WILKINSON

BOOKMAKERS have cut their odds on the discovery of men from Mars after a new Nasa deep-space project prompted a flurry of bets. Where once a punter would have been quoted 500-1 on intelligent alien life forms being found, the odds are now as low as 33-1.

"Our shareholders would not be very happy if we lost everything on a little green man," said Graham Sharpe, who works out the odds for William Hill. "We already have liabilities of more than £1 million and that has to be treated seriously."

In 1969, Neil Armstrong, the American astronaut, caused bookies a mighty caning in the sixties after they had confidently offered long odds on man landing on the moon before the end of the decade. William Hill offered 1,000-1 and had to pay £10,000 to one gambler after the successful Apollo landing.

Mr Sharpe keeps a close eye on all new cosmic research. Nasa has just unveiled Hirmes, a £10 million programme to search for radio transmissions from deep space. He is also acutely aware of a plan by astronomers to produce the most detailed map yet of Mars.

"We will offer 100-1 for small bets, but anything over £100 will be 33-1," he said. "People have latched on to the Nasa project." Bets have come in from all over the world. One man, Tim Lynch, flew from Auckland, New Zealand, to place £800 at odds of 100-1. An anonymous pensioner from Darlington, co. Durham, has bet £500 on the expectation that Nasa will confirm intelligent extra-terrestrial life within the next year.

Professor Arnold Wolfendale, the Astronomer Royal, said it was not such a crazy bet. "I feel that there is intelligent life of some sort out there. The chance that we are unique is almost unbelievable. The difficulty is proving it, though with Nasa projects there is more chance than ever before."



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Research casts doubt on whether building work will add to the value of a property

House improvements may give poor return

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

TWO of the most popular home improvements are unlikely to add to a property's value, research by Halifax building society has shown.

Homeowners who spend money on improving their gardens or adding a bathroom — two of the five most popular improvements — are unlikely to recoup the cost when they sell their home. They may recoup some of the cost of the bathroom, but are unlikely to get any money back from the garden work.

The Halifax survey found that the improvement which added greatest immediate value was the installation of central heating. Other improvements that added immediate value included extensions, fitted kitchens, double glazing or new window frames and major maintenance or repairs.

Improvements that gave poor value for money were fitted bedrooms, security devices and minor maintenance such as a fresh coat of paint.

"The trouble with many of these improvements is that they are a question of taste," Mark Hemingway, of the Halifax, said. "You are vulnerable to the fact that a new purchaser may not like your taste and they may be positive disadvantages when it comes to selling the house. One man's dream Jacuzzi is another man's nightmare."

Less risky improvements, which would probably add a proportion of their cost to the value of the home, included conservatories, loft conversions and refurbished kitchens, plus adding a bathroom.

"For these improvements, it all depends on the quality of the work that is done," Mr Hemingway said. "If the conservatory is little more than a lean-to or a greenhouse, it may not add much. Such improvements must be in keeping with the house. You can overimprove a terraced house, for example: it is still essentially a terraced house."

The survey found that 37 per cent of homeowners carry out improvements in an attempt to increase their home's value. Only 31 per cent did so to improve their living standard.

The property market is still in the doldrums, yet more homeowners said they carried out improvements because they liked where they lived and had no desire to move (23 per cent this year compared with 14 per cent in 1992). The number who made improvements because they could not afford to move was static at 5 per cent.

Double-glazing remains the most popular home improvement, in terms of work carried out and work that homeowners aspired to.

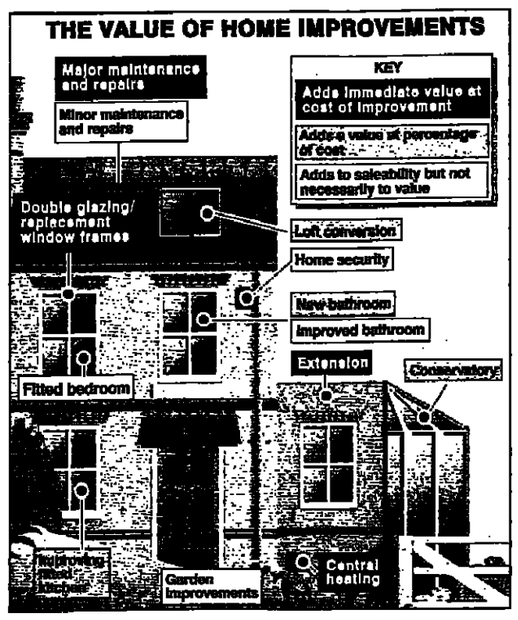
☐ Lower prices are helping some buyers to leapfrog the bottom rungs of the property ladder, according to the latest report from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Figures for May, June and July showed that studio and one-bedroom flats were becoming less popular with first-time buyers because they were able to find two- and three-bedroom flats and houses in their price range.

Surveyors in the South East reported pent-up demand because of a shortage of good-quality, sensibly priced property. In parts of the North, an oversupply is keeping prices static.

More than 90 per cent of surveyors reported that prices were stable or rising. Peter Miller, the RICS's residential spokesman, said: "We now have market stability, a key ingredient for recovery. This needs to be matched by seller realism to obtain lasting recovery."

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Hotline aims to stop the cowboys

BY OLIVER AUGUST

A CONSUMER hotline with a supporting nationwide network of offices has been set up to help to combat the menace posed by "cowboy" plumbers, painters and builders following an increased number of complaints about the standard of home improvements.

Steve Roberts, spokesman for Fair Trades, said that 20,000 people in the West Midlands had become victims of cowboy firms in the past 12 months. Across the UK, the number approaches 250,000. These people would have benefited from the chance to consult the register of businesses compiled by the organisation, he said.

The hotline opened on Monday to give expert advice on how to deal with lost deposits and how to avoid crumbling walls. Fair Trades vets plumbers, painters and builders and suggests who to hire.

The register also includes kitchen installers, double glazing, roofing, re-upholstery and general contractors. Advice is available from the organisation's branch offices, the newest of which opened in southwest London this week.

The Fair Trade Home Improvement Guarantee Scheme includes deposit indemnity cover of up to £10,000 and a guarantee on workmanship and materials. Ten thousand firms in England and Wales have so far joined the scheme.

"Just as businesses can run credit checks on their customers, so consumers should be able to check the people they are giving their money to for a new kitchen or roof," Mr Roberts said.

Alan Robertson from the National Association of Plumbing, Heating and Mechanical Services Contractors agreed that the number of cowboys was high but denied that a private organisation was needed to vet firms.

"Our members must comply with the code of fair trade approved by the Office of Fair Trading," he said. "We set very high standards and don't need any guilds, leagues or marketing organisations to issue useless badges or stickers."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Boy 'pushed care worker downstairs'

A 12-year-old boy has been charged with attempting to cause grievous bodily harm after he flooded a foster home in Boldon, Tyne and Wear, with gas and pushed a woman care worker down a flight of stairs.

Brian Latham, director of South Tyneside council's social services, said an internal enquiry had begun. "The member of staff smelled gas, went to investigate and was subsequently pushed down the stairs."

The woman, who has not been named, received hospital treatment for serious injuries.

Murder trial

Colin Hatch, 21, of East Finchley, London, was committed for trial at the Old Bailey for the murder of Sean Williams, 7, whose body was found in a bin liner in a tower block lift on July 19.

Gunman jailed

Dermott Brown, 21, a Jamaican on a tourist visa to Britain, was jailed for eight years at the Old Bailey after firing a handgun at a party in Hackney, northeast London, last April and robbing two of the guests.

Father cleared

Colin Kryworuczka-Hogben, 40, of Charminster, Dorset, was cleared at Winchester Crown Court of attacking a 12-year-old girl whom he claimed bullied his daughter at school.

Crash deaths

Three people, including a baby, were killed when a car and lorry collided near Corsley, Wiltshire. A fourth person, who had been travelling in the car, is in a serious condition at Royal United hospital, Bath.

Otters housed

British Gas is to incorporate specially designed otter "holts" into a pipelaying scheme near the Cotswold Water Park in South Cerney, Gloucestershire, to encourage the animals back to the River Churn.

Brave boy

A three-year-old boy tried to fight off a man who indecently assaulted his 24-year-old mother as she walked in Hainault park, Essex, with three other children.

Tow hold

Thieves stole £50,000 from a Group 4 van in Southwark, south London, by towing away the truck with the guard still inside.

Paper boys earn praise and £100

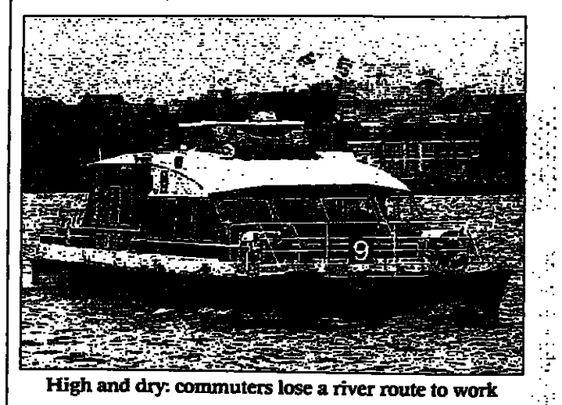
A JUDGE praised two quick-thinking paper boys and awarded them £100 each yesterday for their part in the arrest of a man who, a week before, had abducted and assaulted a boy aged 9.

The boys, both aged 10, whose parents asked that they should not be named, had been approached by Howard Small, 30, in Darlington, co. Durham, who asked them to get into his car. The Old Bailey was told they ran away, took down the number of his car and telephoned police, who arrested Small the same day.

Small, of Worthing, West Sussex, pleaded guilty to child abduction and a serious sexual offence. Judge Denison branded him "a danger to small boys" and jailed him for six years.

Anthony Leonard, for the prosecution, said that Small grabbed the nine-year-old in Onslow Village, Surrey, on March 27, pushed him into his car, drove two miles to public lavatories and assaulted him.

The judge told the paper boys that they deserved to be commended "for the prompt and sensible action they took. As a token of the court's appreciation, I award each £100."



High and dry: commuters lose a river route to work

Lack of cash sinks London river bus

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE Thames river bus service, which became a symbol of the 1980s yuppie boom, ceased operating last night because of funding difficulties. The last of the ten high-speed 62-seat craft which sailed between Chelsea and Greenwich left the Charing Cross pier at 7.45.

Until May last year the service was underwritten by Olympia and York, who hoped it would become an integral part of their vision to create a second city, centered around Canary Wharf, in London's rebuilt docklands.

Last night Bill Edgerley, chief executive of the RiverBus Partnership, said: "RiverBus was the only transport system on the Thames committed to the needs of the commuter and the business person. I am sure it will be sorely missed.

"I believe that it was only a matter of time before the service became self-financing, but unfortunately time is what we no longer have."

The RiverBus Partnership, which had been subsidised by local authorities, the private sector and a few individual benefactors, made an estimated loss of £2.5 million last year, which the service had expected to reduce this year by £1 million.

Last year, the service carried nearly 750,000 passengers, an increase of 66 per cent on the 1991 figures. Mr Edgerley said he had hoped that this year more than one million customers would have used the service.

Seventy people will lose their jobs as a result of the closure.

Some business leaders have been highly critical of the government, which has refused to provide any grants to keep the river bus service running. Earlier this year Peter Corfield, of Ogilvy and Mather, said that his company had 130 people who used the service to get to their offices in Canary Wharf.

Mr Corfield said: "What I find most astonishing is that when the government decides to double the size of the M25, further polluting the atmosphere, it appears unable to do anything about what is a vital part of London's transport infrastructure."

Unfortunately for the service there were not enough people willing to pay £6 a journey for this exclusive mode of transport.

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Lieutenants hold the fort while Majors are away

By Sheila Gunn
Political Correspondent



Standing in: from left, Sir Robin Butler, Baroness Blatch, Michael Portillo, Tim Sainsbury and Stephen Wall, who found the Majors their holiday home in Portugal

THE Majors leave tomorrow for a fortnight's holiday at a secluded country house in northern Portugal. There will be no swimming pool, no television but there will be a scrambled telephone line and fax machine.

Despite his enthusiasm for holidays — a strong contrast to the workaholic ways of Baroness Thatcher — the prime minister is determined to avoid the shambles which wrecked his break last summer. Then he had to abandon the orange and lemon groves of Candeleda, the Spanish home of Tristan Garel-Jones, the former Foreign Office minister, to return for an emergency cabinet meeting on August 18 about the worsening situation in Bosnia and Iraq. Later in August, other cabinet ministers were called back to deal with the deepening economic crisis in the run-up to Black Wednesday, September 16.

This year there is no doubt who runs the country while John Major is away. A Downing Street spokesman said: "Nothing changes when he is on holiday. There is no question of anyone else being in charge."

Elsewhere in the government there are several junior ministers who have made the most of opportunities offered, not just by holidays but by the illness of two senior cabinet members. John Patten, the education secretary, was described by his aides as "raring to go" after throwing off the viral infection which put him in hospital in July. On Monday he returns to work to relieve his highly competent deputy Baroness Blatch, who has won widespread praise for her handling of the department, particularly over this week's A-level results, in his six-week absence.

To counter rumours about his health, he is holding a photo opportunity today. Officials say he has lost weight but is now "completely OK" following a family holiday in Brittany to complete his convalescence.

Trade officials are less sure about the return of Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, following his minor heart attack in June. He is hoping to return to his desk part-time in early September. But there is continuing speculation about whether he will be fit enough to deliver one of his tub-thumping speeches at the Conservative party annual conference in October.

Tim Sainsbury has been deputising at the trade department until recently. Baroness Denton of Wakefield, the consumer affairs minister, is presently in charge. Tim Eggar, the energy minister, takes over as duty minister next week.

Michael Portillo, the chief secretary, continues to hold the fort at the Treasury early next week before handing over to Sir John Cope, the Paymaster-General. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will return to his desk in early September.

At the Foreign Office, Alastair Goodlad, is in charge. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, returns in early September. Mr Hurd was also forced to cut short his holiday in his beloved Tuscany last year.

Although officials are cagey about divulging details of the arrangements for Mr Major's holiday, it is understood that a scrambled telephone line, together with facsimile machines, have been installed at the house in the Douro valley, near Porto, where the Majors are staying.

After three years at Mr Garel-Jones's house in Spain, security officials advised them that a change would be wise. Stephen Wall, Mr Major's former private secretary and the new British ambassador to Portugal, was asked to suggest a suitable holiday home.

He found them Quinta dos Nalvedos, meaning "farm of the bad ways", an isolated country house owned by the Symingtons, a port-exporting family. His officials were understandably irritated by photographs and details of the house appearing in *The Sun* earlier this week.

The 200-year-old house overlooking vineyards has seven bedrooms, all with twin beds, but no television or swimming pool.

Close aides say that Mr Major has reluctantly decided to emulate Baroness Thatcher in at least one respect: he will be kept "fully informed" by Downing Street of any developments. While she always had to be pushed to take her annual break in Switzerland, Mr Major favoured proper holidays when he took over.

Sir Robin Butler, the cabinet secretary, will have the ultimate responsibility in deciding what to pass on to the prime minister during his break.

Thanks to modern communications, aides insist that Mr Major will not be relinquishing responsibility to anyone else.

A Downing Street official commented: "He is still in charge. The prime minister is the prime minister: he is always the prime minister. He does not have a deputy."

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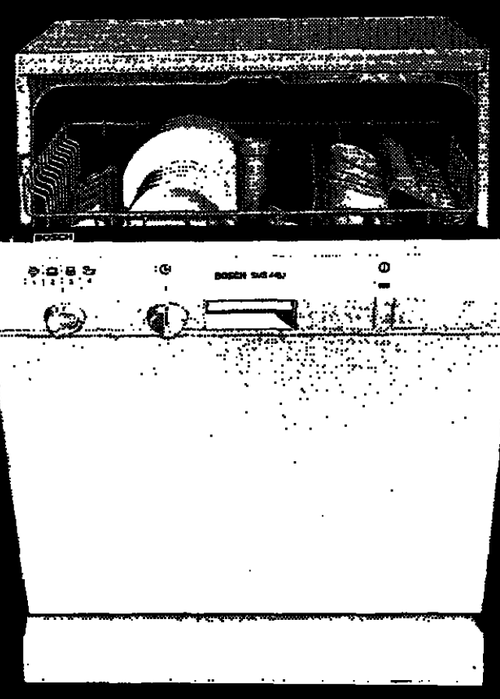
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Enslaved millions need a champion

Dr Margaret Brearley

Slavery exists today. Some 200 to 400 million people, including at least 100 million children, live in actual slavery, or in conditions amounting to slavery, according to UN criteria.

One hundred and sixty years ago slavery was abolished throughout the British colonies. The dying William Wilberforce described the imminent Emancipation Bill, enacted on August 29, 1833, as slavery's death blow. The act brought freedom to more than 800,000 slaves in British dominions. Yet more than 10 million more remained in the United States, Brazil and colonies of other powers.

For British abolitionists, inspired by Evangelicalism and Quaker ideals, all slavery was sin. Fighting it wherever it existed became a moral imperative. In autumn 1833, therefore, the abolitionist Joseph Sturge demanded a "general crusade throughout the civilised world" against slavery. The American abolitionist slogan, "Our Country is the World — Our Countrymen are Mankind", summarised the attitude of British abolitionists from 1833 onwards. The British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society (now known as Anti-Slavery International), which Sturge founded in 1839, thenceforward campaigned against slavery worldwide.

Partly in consequence, by the 1980s slavery had been outlawed, officially at least, almost everywhere. Yet ancient forms known since pre-classical times survive: chattel slaves exist in North Africa and the Arabian peninsula; feudal serfs in India, Asia, Africa and South America.

New forms of enslavement have developed recently, stimulated by rural poverty, rapid urbanisation and industrialisation and even by international tourism. Mass exploitation of bonded children in carpet weaving has arisen since the 1970s in India, Nepal and Pakistan. Like virtual slaves in many countries, small children work far from home, up to 16 hours a day, seven days a week, for life. Many become forced prostitutes. Most die young and destitute.

The Third World debt crisis has resulted in governments' need for cheap labour and in millions of parents selling themselves or their children into bondage. Tens of thousands of Asian, African and South American girls and widows are annually sold to brothels, sweat shops or domestic servitude. Brazil has 500,000 child prostitutes (and eight million street children). Many indigenous peoples worldwide are now in permanent unpaid forced labour.

Who protests against such inhuman crimes? Where are the Wilberforces of today? Anti-Slavery International still campaigns vigorously in Britain and abroad. In the 19th century it had generous funds and 160 branches; today it has small funds and five branches.

At great personal cost, dedicated local campaigners fight against apathy, corruption and sheer evil. They speak for the voiceless enslaved men, women and children.

True religion is "to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free" (Isaiah 58.6). Cowper, the English poet, could write: "Slaves . . . touch our country, and their shackles fall." Today, Britain needs new Wilberforces to champion the world's tormented slaves and to cry: "Let my people go!"

Dr Margaret Brearley is Fellow in Jewish-Christian Relations at the Institute of Jewish Affairs

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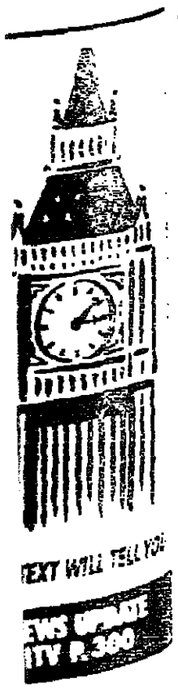
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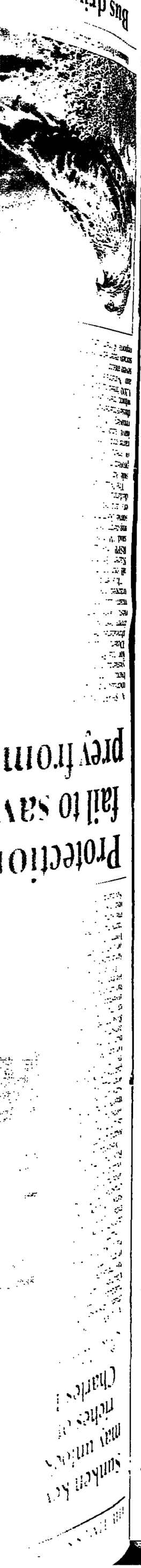
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Sunken key may unlock riches of Charles I

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

A TEAM of underwater archaeologists searching for the baggage ferry of King Charles I, which sank with his treasure off Burntisland in the Firth of Forth in 1633, have located a wreck.

Barry Clifford, an American who helped to recover the pirate ship *Whydah* that sank off Cape Cod, Massachusetts, in 1717, says he is uncertain whether the wreck located is the royal boat *The Blessing of Burntisland*.

Yesterday a team of divers found an artifact indentified as a toby key, a tool used for working on wagons. One theory is that the king's boat sank after being overloaded with wagons. Initial investigations are being carried out by the Global Exploers Group, Mr Clifford's company. Howard Murray, chief conservator on the *Mary Rose* project, is also involved in the exploration. If the investigations prove successful, an excavation is planned for next year.

The Blessing of Burntisland capsized as it embarked on a short journey across the Forth to Leith. It was carrying the possessions of the king, who was completing his coronation visit to Scotland. The boat sank in 100 feet of water half a mile offshore and was believed to have had about 35 people on board. All but two were drowned.

Two bodies were subsequently washed up on the shore. One was carrying £130, a huge amount for the time. He was also carrying a rapier which local people kept until the full cost of the funeral was met.

Mr Clifford says: "The king is believed to have lost £1,000 worth of goods in the disaster and documentary evidence shows that on reaching Edinburgh he wrote a letter to London requesting an inventory of his possessions. Presumably he was trying to discover what he had lost."

Since the sinking, shifting mud and sea currents have combined to bury the vessel and its contents. Historical documents suggest that the vessel may contain a rare collection of royal artifacts from the 16th and 17th centuries. There is speculation that the complete set of the king's silver plate, originating from the era of King Henry VIII, was aboard the ship when it sank.

Mr Clifford says that the contents of the boat are "a potential time-capsule, filling the gaps in an under-researched period of Scottish history. The contents are those of a monarch at the height of his power."

He says that, because the wreck could be well preserved by the water's low temperature and lack of pollution, it would not be impossible to pick the whole vessel out of the mud and bring it to shallower water for archaeological study.


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Treasure hunter: Barry Clifford, the American archaeologist leading the search for Charles I's fortune lost in a shipwreck in 1633

Protection schemes fail to save birds of prey from slaughter

By John Young

A SHARP and unexpected increase in the illegal killing of birds of prey was reported yesterday by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Dozens of eggs and chicks of threatened species were stolen from nests earlier this year, nests were destroyed and many adult birds were shot, trapped or poisoned.

"It is very discouraging after all our conservation efforts," Karen Bradbury, of the RSPB's investigations section, said. "Most species are thriving despite the persecution but some, like merlins, hen harriers and red kites, are still declining."

The Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 gave special protection to a large number of species, including all the rarer birds of prey, and some have since made a strong recovery. Notable among these is the peregrine falcon, of which there are now some 1,200 breeding pairs in Britain. Nonetheless, in the first seven months of this year, the society received more than 700 reports of thefts and killings. Many other incidents go unreported or undetected.

So far this year, 26 peregrine nests have been robbed and eight adult birds killed; two hen harriers have been shot or poisoned and 11 nests have been raided or destroyed; 21 buzzards have been killed, four red kites poisoned, two golden eagles killed, one sea eagle shot, three goshawks shot and five sparrowhawks shot or trapped.

Buzzards and red kites often die after eating poisoned bait left out illegally for foxes and crows. Peregrine nests are being raided to supply the falconry trade on the Continent and in the Middle East.

The society said that reintroduction projects for the red kite and sea eagle had been hampered by persecution and the former had not spread beyond central Wales because of poisoning and egg theft. Buzzards, which were once widespread, are still absent from eastern England.

In some cases, birds appear to have been the victims of indiscriminate shooting by vandals armed with air rifles or shotguns. Ms Bradbury said that some farmers and landowners saw birds of prey as a threat to livestock or game birds.

Eagles, which are almost exclusively confined to Scotland — there was just one pair recorded in England — are shot at by farmers and crofters concerned for the safety of young lambs. But eagles, like foxes, were naturally lazy and seldom chased healthy lambs, Ms Bradbury said.

Rocks have been dropped from cliffops on to peregrine nests. These might be acts of vandalism or the work of pigeon fanciers who have recently complained that their sport is threatened by predators.

Graham Wynne, director of conservation at the RSPB, said: "Such wanton destruction is wholly unacceptable. These birds are fully protected by law, yet the law is blatantly disregarded by a small minority. The government must do more to ensure adequate enforcement."


Hunters hunted: buzzards and hen harriers are among the victims of illegal killings

Iron Age artifact taken from church

By Nicholas Watt

A STONE head dating back to the Iron Age has been stolen from a medieval church in Southern Ireland.

The head, believed to be a representation of Crom Dubh, the Celtic god of the harvest who converted to Christianity in the sixth century, was removed from the wall of a small church in Cloghane, Co. Kerry.

Historians believe that tourists are responsible for the theft. One expert, who wanted to remain anonymous, said yesterday: "We have a steady problem with tourists who assume that they can lift artifacts from rural churches because they look neglected."

Nessa O'Connor, assistant keeper of Irish antiquities at the National Museum in Dublin, said the head was last seen at the church on Wednesday.

"We are hopeful that someone may know or have seen something," she said. "I do not believe the head is destined for the art market. It is not particularly valuable, and is more important for its local historical connections."

The Iron Age head is such a vital part of Cloghane's heritage that every year in July a prayer gathering associated with Crom Dubh is held at the church. The annual Pattern day, which has pagan roots, dates back thousands of years.

In the past seven years the Republic has waged a campaign against the looting of artifacts. Thieves can be fined £50,000 and face a year in prison.

Many of Ireland's stolen artifacts end up in London. The Irish and British governments are still discussing the return of two bronze Tudor cannons from the Tower of London which were sold off at a London auction after being looted from a shipwreck in Tramore Bay, Co. Waterford.

Bacteria in water halts prison intake

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

BRITAIN'S second privatised prison has halted admissions after staff discovered that the water supply was contaminated with bacteria.

None of the 300 inmates held in two house-blocks at Blakenhurst jail became ill as a result of the problem, which was discovered during routine maintenance.

The decision to stop admissions to the jail, which will eventually hold 649 remand, convicted and sentenced prisoners, comes as the prison service faces a rapid increase in the size of the inmate population and serious overcrowding.

The number of inmates held by the prison service has risen by almost a thousand in the past month to 45,426, only a thousand below the number at which overcrowding officially occurs.

Workmen at Blakenhurst, in Redditch, Hereford and Worcester, found that cold water tanks serving the prison's hot water system had become contaminated. The drinking water supply was not affected.

Nicholas Hopkins, of United Kingdom Detention Services, part of a consortium that won the contract to run the jail, which opened in May, said yesterday that some prisoners would have to be moved to different parts of the prison while the problem was resolved, but added: "We don't want to get this out of proportion. It has not affected the drinking water and it has not harmed anyone."

According to UK Detention Services, liability for the problem lies with Tarmac, which built the prison to Home Office specifications. The water system will have to be drained, cleaned, modified and refilled before the jail will be able to start taking prisoners from the Birmingham area again.

The rise in prison numbers is particularly acute in the North West, where the refurbishment of Strangeways in Manchester has limited accommodation. At Liverpool jail, officials are considering transferring prisoners from a vulnerable prisoners' unit to other jails such as Wymott, at Leyland, Lancashire, to provide more space for the increasing prison population in the region.

The government's U-turn over parts of the Criminal Justice Act, which lifted restrictions preventing the courts from taking all previous convictions into account when sentencing an offender, is expected to lead to more people being given custodial sentences.

Babies found alone

TWO toddlers were found alone in a house after their parents were involved in a road accident in which their mother was killed.

Natalie Carson, 3, and her sister Stephanie, 18 months, were discovereed locked in a bedroom at their council house in Lower Godney, near Glastonbury, Somerset. Avon and Somerset police were investigating the accident yesterday and will interview the children's father Paul Carson, 42, about the discovery of the children.

Mr Carson and his wife, Debbie, 28, were on their way home when their car crashed on the A37 near Shepton Mallet, Somerset. Mr Carson suffered minor injuries, but his wife died later from head injuries at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol. The accident occurred two and a half hours after they had left their daughters alone.

Police went to the house after the crash and a 15-year-old daughter of a neighbour climbed through a window, which had been left open, to reach the children.

They were upset but unharmed. They were taken into temporary care by Somerset social services, but are now being cared for by grandparents. Neighbours say it was the first time the couple had left the two children alone.

Bus driver sacked after 45 accidents

A BUS driver was sacked after crashing 45 times in a chequered 15-year career, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday. Her employers finally lost patience with Pauline Pickford after she twice left the depot in the wrong bus.

The tribunal in Southampton was told that Mrs Pickford, 39, of Salisbury, had mounted a pavement and ploughed into a cinema sign; abandoned a bus full of passengers and gone home after an inspector questioned her about her conduct; and been seen standing up to change the bus's destination sign while still driving.

Andrew Bryce, of the Wiltshire and Dorset Bus Company, told the tribunal: "On the whole she had a chequered career. Her accident record was not good and on 25 occasions she was blameworthy."

Phil Bialyk, of the RMT union, who represented Mrs Pickford, said: "By no stretch of the imagination was taking the wrong bus a serious case. Taken in isolation it was not a serious offence." The tribunal unanimously rejected Mrs Pickford's claim for unfair dismissal.

Mrs Pickford said after the case that she now worked as a taxi driver. She said: "I'm like any other bus driver. There are better drivers than me, but there are others who are worse."

Ostrich steaks appease the grousers

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

GOURMETS in the Highlands, disappointed with the lack of grouse this season, have the chance of sampling a more exotic type of fowl. I. B. Milburn, a butcher in Dornoch, Sutherland, has become one of the first shops in Scotland to offer ostrich steaks to its customers.

Iain Booker-Milburn, who owns the shop, has been selling ostrich meat for about a week and has been pleasantly surprised at the demand. "I had to send down overnight for a second supply," he said.

He started exploring the possibility of selling ostrich meat when his local restaurant asked him to come up with something unusual for their carvery. "They'd tried wild boar and then I suggested ostrich meat, but at £13 per lb it was a bit too expensive for the restaurant," he said.

"I put a notice in the shop window saying 'Ostrich steaks now available' and it took off from there. First of all people wanted to know if it was some kind of joke, but the interest has been phenomenal."

Mr Booker-Milburn, who took some of the meat along to the restaurant to have it cooked, said it was similar to beef. "It's very red, very tender and quite bland. You need a sauce with it. I expect a Roquefort cheese sauce or a whisky sauce would be good."

The secret of cooking ostrich is to fry it at a very high temperature to seal in the juices. Overcook it and it tastes tough. The main benefit of ostrich is that it has the quality of a fine fillet steak but has a lower cholesterol level than fish or chicken. The meat is virtually fat free.

Mr Booker-Milburn said that because the meat was so expensive customers had been buying one steak per family to try it. He had not heard how it has been received but he is getting a batch of recipe cards from his supplier to encourage people to cook it. As supplies become more plentiful in Britain the price should drop.

Mr Booker-Milburn buys his ostrich meat from Christopher Mann, an Edinburgh farmer who has started rearing the birds. The stocks come from England and Belgium but he hopes eventually to be able to supply much of the meat himself.

Mr Mann now has a pair of 18-month-old birds and some six-month-old chicks. They graze in paddocks, are hardy enough to survive outside during the winter and have a life expectancy of about 40 years. Once they start breeding they can lay more than 40 eggs a season.

In addition to ostrich meat, Mr Booker-Milburn said that he had discovered a source for wild bison and was hoping to offer alligator steaks before long.

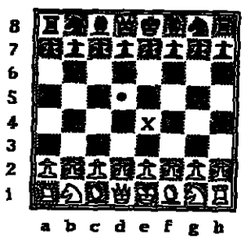
THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

AS the Kasparov-Short match approaches, many new enthusiasts are being won over to chess. I have been besieged by readers wanting to know how to follow the moves.

Chess has a perfect medium in algebraic notation for reliving the details. Each piece is represented by a letter:

Knight	N
Bishop	B
Rook	R
Queen	Q
King	K



The squares are described by letter/number co-ordinates (see diagram). The square with a cross is "e4", that with a circle is "d5".

When pieces move, the initial letter of the piece appears at the start of the move; but when a pawn moves only the square on which it arrives is given. White's first move 1 d4 in the game which follows is white pawn to d4; its third move is 3 Nc3 (knight to c3).

Captures are represented with an "x". In the game below, the first pawn capture by Black (move 2) is pawn on the d-file captures the white pawn on e4, ie, 2 ... dxe4.

Castling is represented by 0-0 or 0-0-0. In the first instance, castling kingside, the king moves from e1 to g1 (or e8 to g8, if Black is castling) and the rook from h1 to f1 (or h8 to f8). In the second case, queenside, the king moves from e1 to c1 (or e8 to c8) and the rook from a1 to d1 (or a8 to d8). In this game White castles kingside on move 7.

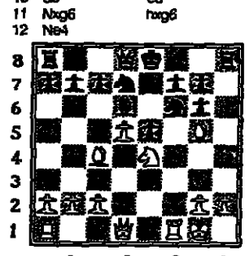


Reader's game

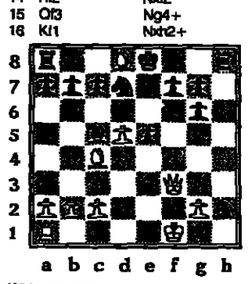
A *Times* reader, Mr Storr-Best from Hampshire, has sent me this game, which is decided by a very attractive queen sacrifice. A beautiful variation is 15 Qe2 Ne4+ 16 Kf1 Ng3+ 17 hxg3 Rh1 mate. The diagrams show not only the starting position but also the situation after White's 12th move and the position where White resigns.

White: Hedges
Black: Storr-Best
Oxford League 1966
Blackmar-Diemar Gambit

1	d4	d5
2	e4	dxe4
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	f3	exf3
5	Nxf3	Bf5
6	Bc4	e6
7	0-0	Bd6
8	Bg5	Nbd7
9	Nh4	Bg6
10	c5	e5
11	Nxg6	hxg6
12	Ne4	



12	...	Nxe4
13	Bxd8	Bc5+
14	Rf2	Nxf2
15	Qf3	Ng4+
16	Kf1	Nxf2+



White resigns

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GREAT RECORD HOLDERS

THE longest winning run is held by the first chess world champion, Wilhelm Steinitz. He won 25 consecutive games in just under nine years from 1873.

Capablanca was undefeated over 63 games (40 wins, 23 draws) between February 10, 1916 and March 21, 1924. The longest unbeaten run in terms of the number of games is held by Mikhail Tal. He played 86 games without defeat between July 15, 1972 and April 26, 1973.

A 100 per cent score in a tournament is a rather special achievement attained by only a select few at master level. Gustav Neumann won all his 34 games at Berlin in 1885.

The best all-play-all tournament result is Kasparov's 12 victories from 14 games at Tilburg in 1989. The most impressive performance was by Capablanca at Cleveland, Ohio, on February 4, 1922. He played 103 games, won 102 and drew one.

The record for the greatest number of opponents is held by Canadian Branimir Bebrich, who played 575 games in 1978.

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Executions mark party's birthday honours for Deng

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY
EAST ASIA EDITOR
IN HONG KONG

■ An anti-corruption drive, launched to coincide with the 89th birthday of China's senior leader, has shown that there is an ugly corollary to his economic reforms

DENG Xiaoping will celebrate his 89th birthday tomorrow with a *qunzhong yundong* from his comrades.

Qunzhong yundong means "mass movement", one of those party-directed campaigns that occasionally convulse China. It comes complete with posters of "bad elements", whose photographs, ticked in red, mean that the public security executioners have shot them in the back of the neck and charged their families for the bullet. In this case the bad elements will be those found guilty of corruption, at which this *qunzong yundong* is aimed.

That present was delivered to China's senior leader yesterday. Doddering, palsied, deaf and incoherent, he may be spared knowledge of it by his daughter Rong, upon whom the senior leader relies for shouted information and to whom he conveys, in grunts that only she understands, his pronouncements.

The reason that the daughter, 43, may shield her father from the news of the anti-corruption campaign — which has been launched by Jiang Zemin, the party general-secretary and state president, whom Mr Deng has designated "core leader" — is that this drive is an indictment of the economic reforms on which Mr Deng's reputation rests, and which his enemies have attacked for making the Dengist slogan "to get rich is glorious" a charter for corruption. This now reaches from the train ticket-seller on the take to the party's highest reaches, where the "red princes", the leaders' children, including Mr Deng's, have become rich thanks to their *guanxi*, their connections.

Mr Jiang is an unimpressive man, whose sudden rise to the politburo from the Shanghai bureaucracy after the Tiananmen killings in 1989 was a reward from Mr Deng for having prevented "chaos" reaching China's largest city. He is also an anodyne, interim figure until the real fight for power after Deng "goes to see Marx".

But in early 1992, Mr Jiang turned out not even to be a reliable Dengist. When Mr Deng was still well enough to leave Peking, he surfaced in Canton, making speeches to rally support for his market-oriented reforms. These had fallen into disfavour after the Tiananmen crackdown presented the party's ancient centralists — who had called for the "counter-revolutionary uprising" to be crushed — with the chance to come out of retirement.

So uncertain were Chinese about which line to follow — Mr Deng's critics held that his road would lead to the corrosion of the party — that the Peking media did not report Mr Deng's speeches. And Mr Jiang was not one of the few leaders who immediately sprang to Mr Deng's side. Indeed, Mr Jiang waited weeks to take the leap of Dengist faith. Mr Jiang is a pygmy, however, compared to the most dangerous, clever, brave and respected of Mr Deng's adversaries, Chen Yun, 88, whose politburo experience (he has long since retired) predates Mr Deng's.



Deng: places emphasis on "national wealth"

Mr Chen loves the party and believes that only it can save and lead China, something Mr Deng of course believes as well, but which he is willing to risk occasionally for the old nationalist dream of achieving national "wealth and power" through "Western learning".

Corruption has always been a part of the Chinese polity — Mao said that any cadre could be bought with a packet of cigarettes. Now it has soared to unparalleled heights. Everything in China is for sale, including the calligraphy of party leaders for advertising on Hainan island, a special economic zone. Its capital, Haikou, one hour from Hong Kong by air, is without electricity and water for hours every day. Taxes are inadequate to fund the city's utilities, because the tax collectors can be bought with bottles of cognac which cost more than the annual wage of many peasants.

An unruly countryside and high-level corruption are the deadly signs of a dynastic endgame in China. So is a vainglorious ruler. In Marx-Leninist terms, Mr Deng committed a great heresy when, in discussing how to invigorate an economy, he pronounced that "it makes no difference what colour a cat is as long as it catches mice".

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Political hostage: Doris Tijerino, a Sandinista politician, being escorted by the kidnappers, who include former Contras

Nicaragua troops circle rebel camp

FROM DAVID ADAMS
IN MIAMI

HUNDREDS of troops yesterday surrounded a guerrilla camp in northern Nicaragua where rebels are holding hostage a government delegation sent to negotiate the demobilisation of the guerrilla group.

Two congressmen, two senior military officers and several government officials were threatened with execution if President Chamorro does not bow to the rebels' demands and dismiss General Humberto Ortega, the army chief, and Antonio Lacayo, the cabinet chief and Señora Chamorro's son-in-law.

The kidnappers' demands, although not their methods, are partially backed by the Clinton administration as well as opposition political groups in Nicaragua and the Catholic church. Last week a senior American diplomat secretly met Señor Lacayo in Miami to demand immediate reforms in Nicaragua, including the removal of General Ortega, as a condition for the release of almost $100 million (£66.5 million) in American aid to the country.

The kidnapping took place two days after the national assembly approved an amnesty for an estimated 1,500 rebels if they laid down their weapons by August 31. The delegation was sent to a rural area 150 miles north of Managua to persuade the leader of the largest rebel group, the Northern Front 3-80, to accept the amnesty proposal.

The government has repeatedly underestimated the tenacity of José Angel Talavera, the one-legged rebel leader better known as "The Jackal", who has evaded government troops in the remote northern hills for almost two years. A former member of the American-backed Contra army, which was officially demobilised in 1990 shortly after Señora Chamorro defeated the former Sandinista government at the polls, "The Jackal" has rejected the amnesty, saying he will only disarm after General Ortega and Señor Lacayo are removed from their posts. Señor Talavera and his army of several hundred "Re-Contras" also demand that the government meet promises of land reform and economic aid to the former Contras.

The kidnapping is the latest incident involving a number of rebel groups in Nicaragua. Last month 45 people died in fighting when a group of former Sandinista soldiers attacked the northern town of Esteli.

Shining Path raid leaves 55 dead

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI
IN BUENOS AIRES

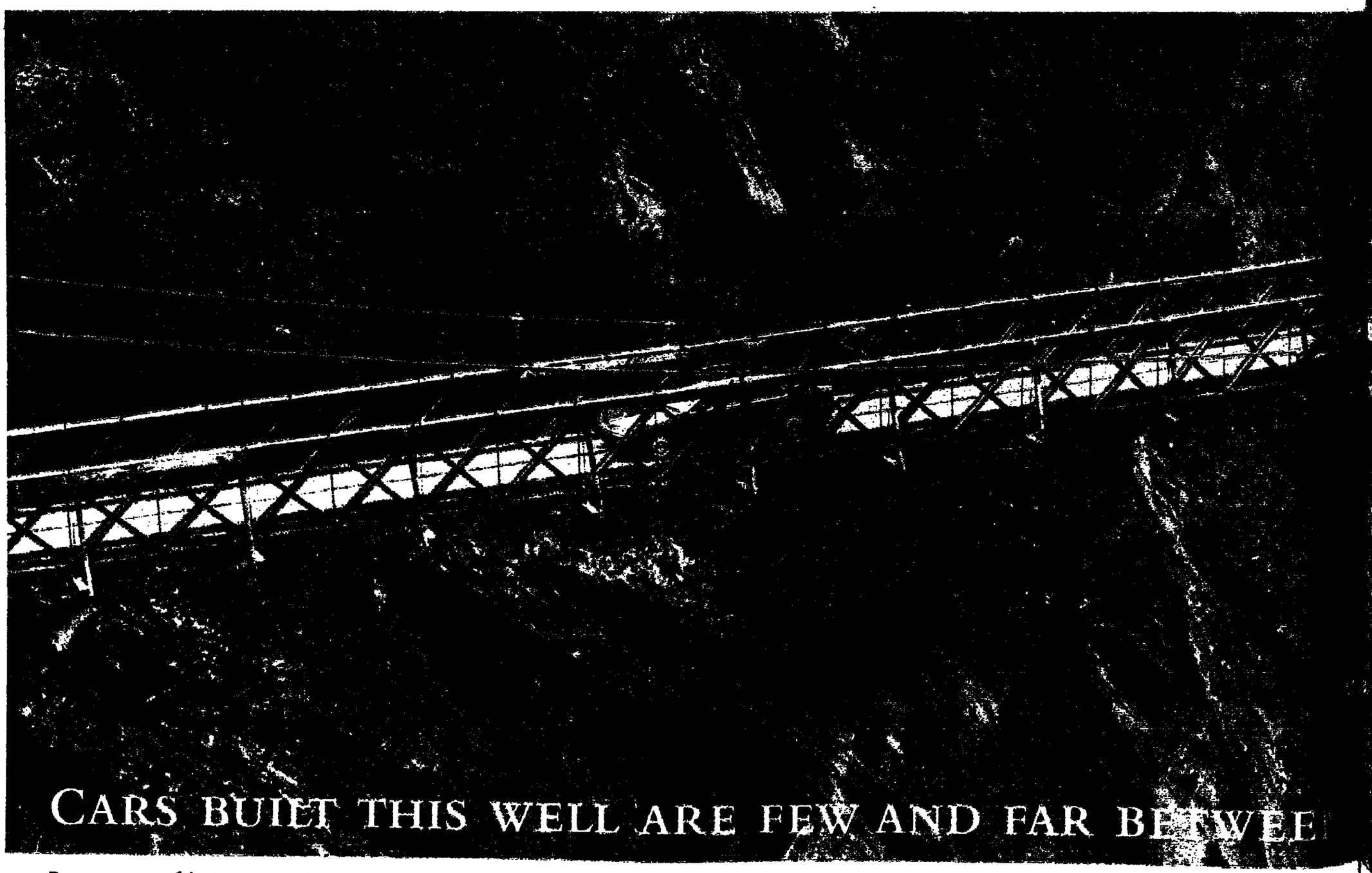
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Shining Path guerrillas control the large, remote jungle areas in central Peru, where the indigenous tribes have their ancestral land. Peruvian army efforts against them have repeatedly failed.

☐ Brazilian authorities are investigating the massacre of at least 40 Yanomami Indians allegedly killed by a gang of gold diggers who invaded their settlement in the Amazon jungle on the Brazil-Venezuela border this week. Indigenous groups at first reported that at least 20 had been killed, but yesterday they said survivors had reported a higher death toll.



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Doctors face dilemma over twins with single heart

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A WOMAN was arrested at Oklahoma City airport after an abortion doctor was shot outside his clinic in Wichita, Kansas. Rachelle Shannon, 37, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, was jailed on suspicion of the attempted murder of Dr George Tiller, 52, who was shot in both arms on Thursday by a woman seen passing out anti-abortion literature.

Dr Tiller, who was released after treatment, is one of the few American doctors who perform late-term abortions and he has been a frequent target of protests. (AP)

DOCTORS in Philadelphia yesterday began an operation to separate a pair of Siamese twins, which will certainly kill one and has only the faintest hope of saving the other. The doctors face the awful task of deciding which baby should be given the slim chance of life.

Seven-week-old Amy and Angela Lakeberg are joined at the chest and share a heart and a liver. Their plight has caught the sympathy of America, through photographs of the twins, holding one another in an embrace.

Without surgery, both would certainly die. Even after the operation, however, the single baby will be left with an abnormal heart, doctors said. "I wouldn't use the word optimistic," Dr James O'Neill, head surgeon at the Philadelphia Children's Hospital, said. "But if we felt there was no reasonable chance at all . . . we would not have offered the family this option." He refused to say which child would be selected to die, nor how long the operation may take.

The twins were born by caesarean section in Chicago on June 29. Doctors advised the parents, who already have a daughter aged five, not to attempt a separation and recommended that the incubators which keep the children alive be switched off. But Kenneth and Reitha Lakeberg of Wheatfield, Indiana, insisted on the operation. "As parents concerned about their child, they wanted to take the chance even though it is so miniscule," a hospital spokesman said. "If I got in an accident and had only a 1 per cent chance to live, I'd want to take it," Mrs Lakeberg said.

The operation involves separating the twins at the chest cavity and then, in the hardest part, attempting to detach one child while leaving the other with the malformed heart.

The twins were brought to Philadelphia on Tuesday, and after conducting tests the doctors said the operation could go ahead. Although Amy and Angela were said to be in satisfactory condition prior to surgery, their single heart has already shown signs of disease.

Mr Lakeberg, 26, is an unemployed welder, and the couple has no medical insurance to cover the costs of the operation and intensive care, estimated at $1,800 (£1,200) a day, so the expenses have been divided between the state of Indiana and Philadelphia Children's Hospital.

The case has prompted fierce debate within the American medical community, with some doctors arguing that the cost of carrying out a probably futile operation (already estimated at $250,000) should be spent on care with a better chance of success.

The Philadelphia hospital has had previous experience of separating Siamese twins, but the rate of survival after such operations is often only a matter of days or weeks. Four similar operations have been performed by the Philadelphia surgeons, but the longest survivor died in 1977 of liver failure after just three months.

The greatest length of time a twin with a shared heart has survived separation surgery is six months, and the Philadelphia doctors say the operation to separate Amy and Angela is the most daunting they have faced.

The abnormality in Mrs Lakeberg's pregnancy was detected after just 13 weeks, and although several doctors recommended an abortion, the babies were then given a 10-15 per cent chance of survival. "In my heart I couldn't get rid of my babies," Mrs Lakeberg said.

Before the start of the operation, the Lakeberg family said goodbye to the tiny girls, and made cement imprints of their hands. "We just hugged and kissed them," Mrs Lakeberg's sister said.



Kenneth Lakeberg with his wife, Reitha, yesterday

Boys born to Swedish woman of 58

FROM REUTER IN ROME

A SWEDISH woman, 58, has become one of the oldest women to give birth to twins, an Italian fertility clinic announced yesterday.

"A woman in an advanced stage of menopause gave birth to twin boys in the Swedish town of Umea on Thursday after using the artificial insemination technics of Dr Severino Antinori," a spokeswoman for his clinic near Rome said. Dr Antinori specialises in helping women over the age of 50 to become mothers. His work has provoked controversy both in Italy and abroad.

"The record is even more absolute since the pregnancy went to its full term whereas generally twins are born premature," the Italian Adnkronos news agency quoted Dr Antinori as saying. "The woman only decided to use my technique when she found the man of her life. In this case someone a lot younger than her, as he is about 40," he added.

A 58-year-old British woman treated by Dr Antinori was also expecting to have twins. The woman, who is midway through her pregnancy, was implanted with four embryos after eggs donated by an anonymous Italian woman in her 20s had been mixed with her husband's sperm.

Dr Antinori cancelled a visit to Britain after the news was reported last month, saying he had received death threats. The Italian doctor has said he is defending women's right to bear children. He has treated about 30 women aged over 50 and has published his research in *The Lancet* medical journal.

Hype revives Superman



Up, up and away: It's Superman, back in the land of the living and the book shelves after his ten-month absence and a visit to a regeneration chamber

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

IT SEEMED unlikely, even at the time, that Superman had been killed off forever by the villainous Doomsday. Sure, they held a funeral and put him in a tomb, but there was always a suspicion that some day the man of steel might fly again.

A glut of would-be Supermen appeared, including a teen Superman, a black Superman, an emotionless Superman and a Superman who seemed intent on becoming a career criminal. Only now, after ten months of uncertainty, or 40 issues in comic-book terms, will the *real* Superman reappear.

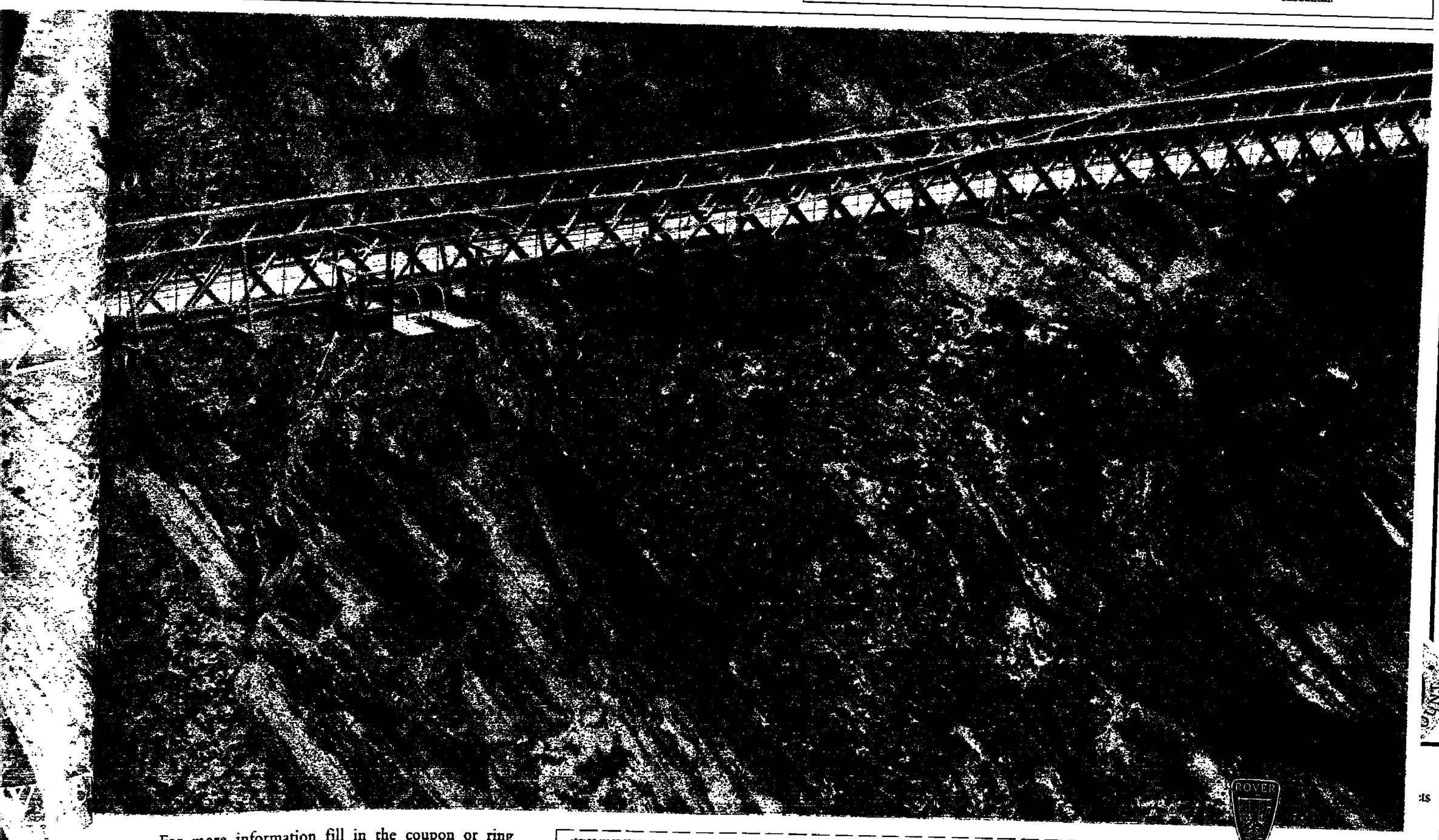
He will be back on newsagents' counters on Wednesday, showing no ill effects from being dead for almost a year, other than letting his hair grow to Rambo-esque lengths. His resuscitation is a brilliant marketing ploy by DC Comics, of New York, to revive flagging interest in its hero. Before his death, Superman comics were selling between 200,000 and 300,000 copies. The next issue is expected to sell two million.

How was Superman saved? His body was stolen by a saviour from Krypton and borne to the healing baths of a matrix regeneration chamber. Simple, really.

"Something tells me I'll be able to handle things better than ever," Superman muses in the final panel as he flies back to Metropolis, no doubt with dreams of new video games, books and movie sequels in his head.

His rebirth was hailed in Metropolis, Illinois, population 7,200, where Superman is more than a pop-culture icon, he is a tourist attraction. The town has just unveiled a 15ft statue of Superman in Superman Square and is about to open a Superman museum.

Only one mystery remains unsolved. What story did Superman's alter ego, Clark Kent, the mild-mannered reporter, dream up to explain his absence from work for ten months? There is no record of his having asked the managing editor for a sabbatical.



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Children become breadwinners in city of desperation

EYEWITNESS SARAJEVO



By Joel Brand

THE man walking down the street toward me appeared to be wearing my flak jacket. It was blue with two Velcro straps across the stomach and a combat collar. Three weeks ago, two soldiers with menacing rifles offered to relieve me and a colleague of our body armour as we strolled down a bustling mall.

Since the encounter, I have been scanning the streets whenever possible, searching for the robbers. Afraid I might be mistaking my jacket for another journalist's, I opted not to stop the car and question the soldier on how he obtained the expensive protection. Also taken into account was the fact that he carried a semi-automatic rifle.

As our paths crossed, I looked in vain for the white medical tape I attached across the chest: "Brand. Joel". The tape could easily have been removed. While I got a better view of my flak jacket, he got a better look at me. He seemed to notice the "press" markings on my car and shifted his gun from one arm to the other. The gesture might or might not have been intended to intimidate me. Whichever the case, it did and I have now given up hope of ever retrieving the stolen property.

Further down the street, past the burnt-out, abandoned tram cars, and across the bridge is one of the United Nations' barracks in Sarajevo.

The barracks is ringed by a wall of concertina wire and sandbag bunkers. It is patrolled by strapping blue-helmeted French soldiers, wielding automatic rifles.

No doubt at least a few of the hundreds of soldiers in the stadium had seen their present home on television eight years earlier. The encampment has been set up in one of the stadia built for the 1984 winter Olympics. The juxtaposition between the military encampment and inundation by tens of thousands of international sport fans is just another of the remarkable facets of life in this European city under siege.

Outside the barbed-wire fence, Vlado is hustling the foreigners. Eyeing me, he leaves the French soldiers sweating under the hot sun as they fill more sandbags, making their bunkers yet stronger. He looks up, his blue eyes matching the soldiers' helmets, and asks: "Where you from?"

Vlado's blond hair is cut closely and he wears a piece of white cloth around his calf. Dried blood leads down his leg from the makeshift bandage. We are standing on broken glass in an area where there has been much sniping and shelling. The area is mostly quiet with the new UN base there, but at least one person has been shot dead by a sniper where we are standing in recent weeks.

He continues: "You like Prince?" To make conversation I say yes, hoping to find where this is going to lead. A smile comes across his face and he calls over Emir, another of his gang, but slightly older and more proficient in English. Emir produces a wallet-sized patch of leather with 24 assorted souvenir pins on it, which he offers me. "Prince?" I ask.

Emir, shooting a scornful look at his younger partner, says, "Pins! Not Prince".

The conversation progresses with me asking personal questions, and with Vlado, Emir and a third boy making trade presentations.

Vlado explains that he is nine, though I suspect he is closer to seven. The other two, both lanky, are about 12.

Vlado tires of watching Emir and his colleague offering me Turkish teapots and souvenir Olympic books and produces his only wares. He thrusts a stack of weathered, almost antique pornographic magazines at me, for trade or sale. Refusing his offer, I ask who he usually sells them to.

He nods at the serious-looking French on the other side of the barbed-wire. Emir explains that the stack of six or seven picture magazines will bring Vlado a French army food ration, complete with two tinned meals, biscuits, candy and accoutrements.

I imagine that these three entrepreneurs, none of them as tall as my chest, are the breadwinners in their families. It is a sign of the desperateness of Sarajevo.

We move on from business and talk in simple sentences of mixed Serbo-Croat and English about the war, my home and their city. When it is time to leave, I say it was nice to meet them and I hope to see them again. Emir grasps my wrist and tells me to wait. With his other hand he reaches into a blue bag of goods over his shoulder and produces the patch of pins.

"For you," he says. "Souvenir."

I politely refuse, saying I have nothing for him in return. He steps back, saying "present".

The pins are meaningless to me, just another present to be stored away with all the pens, pins and books Bosnians have forced on me during the past 18 months. Yet I cannot convince him to keep them and trade them with the French. Finally I give in and he smiles, saying: "Friend." "Friend," I reply.

I start to get back in the car and Vlado comes up behind me and taps my side. He pretends to be steering a car. I shrug and say "Holiday Inn". He smiles and nods his head.

He climbs in the passenger side, hardly able to see over the dashboard, and smiles alternately at the warscape outside and at me. After 50 feet, by the trams, he tells me to stop, says goodbye, and climbs back out of the car. I guess he just wanted to ride in a car again.

Owen urges two-year EC mandate for Mostar

By Adam LeBor in Geneva and Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

INTERNATIONAL mediators last night appealed to the European Community to administer Mostar in central Bosnia as part of an overall peace package.

Lord Owen, the EC envoy to the conference on former Yugoslavia, said he hoped the EC would agree to run Mostar under a formula similar to the proposed United Nations administration of Sarajevo. Lord Owen said he had been in touch with the EC in Brussels, which was consulting member states about accepting an interim two-year management of ethnically-mixed Mostar.

An EC administrator appointed by the president of the European Council would govern a demilitarised city. Three representatives from each of the ethnic groups would advise him. Thorvald Stoltenberg, the other international mediator, joined the call for EC support, adding: "I am concerned that the UN is overstretched."

As the future of Mostar was being studied, Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, promised to recommend that his parliament accept a new "compromise" peace proposal for Bosnia, splitting the country into three ethnic states.

However, the latest package, including a revised map showing the proposed division of Bosnia, ran into trouble. The delegation of Alija Izetbegovic, Bosnia's Muslim president, said it was "not satisfied" with the new plan presented by Lord Owen and Mr Stoltenberg in Geneva. Mr Izetbegovic was said to oppose the map in three key areas — in particular where it related to Muslim enclaves in east Bosnia, to which he demanded full land access.

There were also significant difficulties between Muslims and Croats over towns in central Bosnia, the scene of the worst fighting in recent months, and between Serbs and Muslims over territory around the northwestern Muslim pocket of Bihac.

Mirza Hajric, for the Bosnian government delegation, said: "According to this proposal, the Serbs will not give up ethnically cleansed territories which were taken by force. Also, the siege of Sarajevo has not yet been lifted."

Slobodan Milosevic, the Serb leader, said he was satisfied with the deal and issued a warning that any side which did not accept it would be responsible for prolonging the war. The comment was aimed at the Muslims since the Bosnian Croats are expected to accept the plan.

The proposed plan for a union of republics is a de facto recognition of territorial gains achieved by military force by the Bosnian Serbs and Croats, who have both carved out sections of the country and set up their own quasi states, the Serbian republic and the Croatian Herzeg-Bosna.

Diplomats said Bosnian Serbs would control around 52 per cent of the territory. They now hold some 70 per cent. Bosnian Croats would get around 15 per cent, a significant cut in the amount of land they were awarded under the discarded Vance-Owen plan.

UN diplomatic sources said last night the Bosnian parliament might accept the deal since the alternative was the continuation of the war.

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Irma taken off the critical list

By Louise Hidalgo

IRMA Hadzimuratovic, the five-year-old girl whose plight inspired the evacuation from Sarajevo last weekend, was yesterday taken off the critical list for the first time.

She is still ill with spinal, abdominal and head injuries and with the bacterial meningitis she contracted from her wounds, and remains on a ventilator. "She's still a very sick little girl. She's still got a long way to go," said a spokeswoman at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

However, as a sign of her improving condition, Irma smiled for the first time since her arrival at her father, Ramiz, and sister Medina, three. A hospital spokeswoman said Irma was still in intensive care but responding to stimuli.

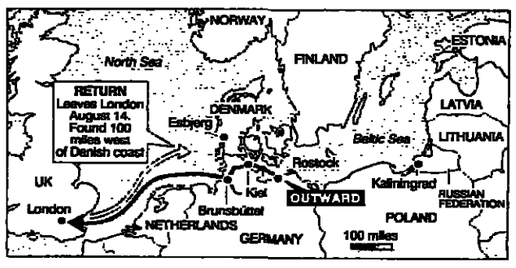
Edhem Dedovic, 11, was yesterday told for the first time that he had lost his left eye in the mortar attack which severely injured his face and skull. A spokesman for University College hospital said he had been upset but had appeared to rally later.



A young girl is vaccinated against diphtheria at a Moscow hospital. The city and others in the former Soviet Union are facing a rapid spread of infectious diseases and doctors are urgently recommending vaccinations

Russian sailor wanted for murder

By Tom Walker and Christopher Follett



A RUSSIAN sailor accused of murdering five crew on a German freighter that was found drifting in the North Sea this week might be extradited to Germany, Danish police said yesterday.

"Apart from wanting to assist in clearing up the murder case, Denmark has no interest in keeping the Russian since the freighter is German," a police spokesman said. "After discussions today with German police and lawyers we expect the prisoner will eventually be transferred to Germany for trial," he said.

The crew of the *Baerbel* disappeared in the North Sea between Sunday morning and Wednesday. Andrey Lapin, 28, who was found in a dinghy near the abandoned ship with a suitcase containing 60,000 marks, has denied murdering them. "We haven't seen anything like this around here since the war," said Bent Egenberg, a detective in Esbjerg, where the *Baerbel* is moored. "All that we know is that these men probably suffered cruel and violent deaths."

Mr Lapin has been charged with multiple homicide, arson and theft. He says he was the only survivor of a drunken brawl and ensuing fire that ended with the *Baerbel's* German captain ordering his Russian crew to abandon ship.

Mr Egenberg said: "There is blood and tufts of human hair and what we think is flesh all over the ship. There seems to have been a big struggle in two places, one in the generator room and one in the front of the boat where they kept all the tools and welding equipment." Blood samples have been sent to a forensic laboratory in Copenhagen.

The *Baerbel*, which had sailed to London from Rostock on August 11, left the Thames estuary on Saturday evening and was due to arrive in the German port of Brunsbüttel on Monday morning. The last contact with the *Baerbel* was made on Sunday morning when Heinrick Telkmann, the captain, telephoned his wife near Bremen telling her to expect him home the next morning. Norwegian fishermen found the ship and Mr Lapin's dinghy drifting 100 miles west of the Danish coast on Wednesday.

The sleeping quarters of the crew had been turned over and the captain's safe forced open, but Mr Lapin said he had saved the money found with him to buy a car. Detectives found evidence of three attempts at arson.

Moscow rivals rally in apathy

From Anatol Lieven in Moscow

AS RIVAL demonstrations met in Moscow yesterday to commemorate the August 1991 coup, President Yeltsin asked the Russian parliament to agree to dissolve itself and face fresh elections.

"If we are really concerned by the fate of Russia and not by our own short-term interests, then we should let the citizens of Russia have the chance to form an effective power structure without delay," Mr Yeltsin wrote to the deputies.

There is no chance whatsoever that Mr Yeltsin's appeal will be accepted by the conservative parliamentary majority. It was immediately rebuffed last night by Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary chairman, who announced that "we are not going to reply to every militant statement by the president".

When Mr Yeltsin went on a walkabout in Moscow yesterday, Russian women workers listened in grim silence as he argued that although prices are high, thanks to economic reform it is at least now possible to find an abundance of goods in the shops.

The mood in Moscow is different from the heady atmosphere of August 1991 — though even then, as observers pointed out, only a small minority of Muscovites and a tiny minority of Russians were actively involved in the defence of democracy.

Most analysts consider that today, the number of people who would come to defend the democratic order would be even smaller. The real deterrent to a coup lies in the fact that new rulers in Moscow would find it impossible to impose even formal authority on the rest of the immense Russian Federation in the face of opposition by regional leaderships.

If support for democracy is weaker than in 1991, support for the hardline opposition is also limited. Discouraged by drizzling rain, barely 4,000 people turned up yesterday at the Russian parliament to hail the leaders of the 1991 coup as heroes of Russia and of communism.

At 7.30 pm, a demonstration of Yeltsin supporters, roughly similar in size, approached the parliament. It was diverted to one side by its own security guards to avoid clashes. They were led by members of the "Ring of Life" group which defended the parliament in 1991. As then, they chanted "Down With Communism" but also "Parliament Resign" — a far cry from their slogan of 1991.

☐ **Minister quits:** Mikhail Fedotov, Russia's information minister, resigned after accusing the conservative parliament of moving to take control of the media. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Georgian suspect 'confesses'

Tbilisi: Georgian authorities said yesterday that the chief suspect in the murder of an American diplomat had confessed, and two other men had been arrested.

They named the killer of Fred Woodruff, 45, a diplomat, as Anzor Sharmaidze, a resident of Tbilisi, and said he was born in 1972. "Sharmaidze has admitted he is guilty of the crime," Temuri Murgulia, of Tbilisi police, said on local radio. He said two men who were with Mr Sharmaidze at the scene of the fatal shooting on August 8 had also been arrested, naming them as Gela Bedoidze and Gennady Berbichashvili.

Mr Woodruff, who, according to unconfirmed US press reports, was working for the CIA, was killed with a single bullet to the head while travelling in a car with the Georgian security chief. *(Reuter)*

Tirana bomb

Tirana: An explosion in central Tirana has injured a man and a woman and damaged cars, police said. A taxi driver said he saw a can with a fuse rolling bewteen two cars just before the explosion. It is not known what kind of device caused the blast. *(Reuter)*

Envoy leaves

Ankara: Turkey's ambassador to Switzerland, who is wanted by Swiss police for questioning over the fatal shooting of a Kurdish protester, has flown home and is not expected to return. Turkey had refused to lift his diplomatic immunity. *(AP)*

Magazine ban

Brussels: Distribution of the French satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo* was blocked for the second time in a month in Belgium for insulting the monarchy, the magazine said. A cartoon played on rumours that King Albert has Parkinson's Disease. *(Reuter)*

Ship rights

Kiev: Women are set to enter one of the last male bastions in the former Soviet Union. The daily *Ukraina Moloda* reported that six women had been accepted into the Ukrainian navy in the wake of defence ministry approval. *(Reuter)*

Fellini treated

Rimini: the film director Federico Fellini, 73, is to undergo physical therapy at a centre in Ferrara in the wke of his stroke. The director of such classics as *La Dolce Vita* and *8½* has been unable to move his left arm and leg. *(Reuter)*

Pigs roasted

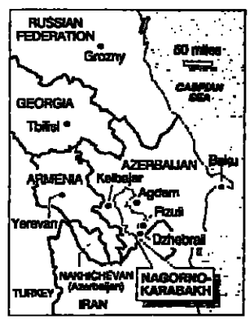
Granada: Nearly 500 pigs were blown up or burnt to death when a short circuit ignited methane gas produced by their own dung, the Efe news agency said. *(Reuter)*

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Turkey demands Armenia sanctions

From Anatol Lieven in Moscow



TURKEY called on the United Nations yesterday to impose sanctions against Armenia if Armenian forces do not withdraw from conquered areas of Azerbaijan.

Hikmet Cetin, the Turkish foreign minister, told his Armenian counterpart at a meeting in Moscow that Armenia "would not escape responsibility" for invading Azerbaijan. The statement follows the capture on Thursday of the Azerbaijani town of Dzhebrail, which threatens the whole of south-west Azerbaijan.

The Armenian government claims that its forces are not involved in the Nagorno-Karabakh war, which they say is being waged only by the Armenians of the enclave in Azerbaijan. However, most Western observers believe that there is ample evidence of arms supplies from Armenia to Nagorno-Karabakh, and of the presence of Armenian national army units in the fighting.

What is true is that the Armenian government in Yerevan does not directly control either the Nagorno-Karabakh leadership or the Armenian commanders in the front line. Both are dominated by the radical nationalist Dashnak party, which in Yerevan is in strong opposition to the government of President Ter-Petrosian. Even heavy international pressure on Yerevan may therefore not necessarily result in any change in the conduct of the Armenian military.

A Western diplomat recently returned from the region said: "The Azerbaijani army is now so weak that the Armenian field commanders don't need major help from the Armenian government to launch successful offensives. They can win on their own."

Neighbouring Iran, previously a covert Armenian ally, has now become alarmed by the war approaching its borders. Tehran also fears that if Armenian forces push south from Dzhebrail, up to 200,000 Azerbaijani refugees will have nowhere to go but across the Araxes river into Iran.

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Jittery Cairo braced for new attacks by militants

The extremists who assassinated Anwar Sadat have risen again. Many ordinary Egyptians are angry and frustrated by the impact on tourism, and their incomes

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN CAIRO

THE Egyptian government reacted promptly and defiantly to the assassination attempt on the interior minister, rounding up another 20 Muslim militants and announcing that a military court will go ahead with the trial of 65 suspected members of the al-Jihad (Holy War) group which has claimed responsibility for the bomb attack.

Beneath the bravado, however, there are clear signs of jitters here that the shadowy group, a successor to the one which assassinated President Sadat, has not been crushed by a ruthless police crackdown and the recent hangings of 15 leading members. Security sources have disclosed that those arrested had also intended to attack other senior government figures, including Muhammad Mahgoub, the religious affairs minister, and a shaikh of al-Azhar University, the leading centre of Islamic scholarship.

The deaths of the two terrorists involved in Wednesday's bombing mean that police have been unable to learn further details about the assassination attempts. They are bracing themselves for a further cycle of revenge attacks after a message to a news agency threatened vengeance for "all martyrs of Islam, whose blood was shed at the hands of the agents of Israel, the despots of Egypt".

Security in Cairo is tight. Armoured personnel carriers are stationed outside government buildings, which are patrolled by black-uniformed troops with machine guns and fixed bayonets. White-coated police are out in force around the main hotels, especially those with nightclubs playing Western music, which are a provocation to purists. Guests have their bags inspected.

Police were also stationed outside most mosques during the Friday prayers yesterday. After President Mubarak's description of the attack as a "desperate terrorist act", the government has made no fresh statement over the weekend, hoping to play down the incident. Hassan al-Alfi, the injured interior minister, left for Switzerland yesterday for treatment of an elbow shattered in the blast.

The Egyptian press echoed the widespread anger and frustration at the latest escalation of violence, which has devastated the mainstay tourist industry. "Egypt will never yield to terrorism," wrote the editor of an English-language paper. The media have also heaped scorn on Iraq for gloating over the latest attacks. President Mubarak toured the Gulf earlier this year to draw attention to the continuing threat from President Saddam Hussein as well as from Iranian-inspired terrorism. An aspect which has caused particular concern here is the apparent suicide bombing. If deliberate, this would be the first such incident in Egypt.

Like the government, most people are quick to blame Iran, and express consternation at the immediate effect on tourism. "There's no one at the airport now," said a primary school teacher, who supplements his meagre state income as a holiday taxi driver. "These criminals are taking food from our mouths, cutting off our own hands."

Although tourist boats are moored empty along the Nile, and big hotels are only half full, the militants have succeeded in frightening away only Westerners. Arab tourists from the Gulf and Saudi Arabia, who account for more than 40 per cent of visitors here, seem less perturbed. They have not been put off.



Al-Alfi: sent for medical treatment in Europe



Shared sadness: Lieutenant-General Ehud Barak, the Israeli army chief of staff, consoling members of the platoon that was ambushed in southern Lebanon on Thursday. Eight soldiers were killed and four were wounded; one of them later died of his injuries. Israel indicated yesterday that the delicate ceasefire brokered last month by the United States was intact despite the bom attacks in which the soldiers died in the Israeli-controlled security zone (Ben Lynfield writes). Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, said the attacks, carried out by pro-Iranian Hezbollah militiamen, would not deter Middle East peace efforts. Right-wing MPs pointed a finger at Damascus for allowing Hezbollah actions. But Mr Rabin said that Iran's sponsorship of fundamentalism posed the most serious threat. "The most serious thing that can happen is the spreading of Khomeinism among the neighbouring Arab peoples and all must be done to prevent this through military behaviour and diplomacy," he said. The violence was the first big flare-up since Israel's bombardments last month which killed 130 Lebanese and drove 250,000 towards Beirut. Mr Rabin indicated that Thursday's attacks did not violate the ceasefire since they were in the security zone, but he gave a warning of a tough response if Hezbollah fired rockets into Israel.

Old ally delivers blow to Arafat

FROM ALFRED HERMIDA IN TUNIS

YASSIR Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader, suffered a severe blow to his authority when a key figure in the movement resigned this week.

Mahmoud Darwishe, 51, a leading poet, stepped down from the ruling executive committee because he was disgruntled with Mr Arafat's strategy at the Middle East peace talks and with his handling of PLO finances, Palestinian sources in Tunis said yesterday.

Mr Darwishe handed in his resignation on Wednesday when he met the PLO leader, they said. Mr Arafat tried for an hour to make him reconsider, but Mr Darwishe refused. The resignation has yet to be officially accepted by the PLO's parliament-in-exile, the Palestine National Council

Mr Darwishe has been a PLO member for more than 20 years and drafted its declaration of independence in 1988, which implicitly recognised the existence of Israel. Although he served as an independent on the executive committee, he was considered to be close to Mr Arafat.

Mr Arafat is still smarting from a challenge to his leadership last week by three leading peace negotiators. Faisal Husseini, Hanan Ashrawi and Saeb Erekat threatened to resign from the negotiating team in protest at Mr Arafat's approach to the stalled Middle East peace talks. They accused Mr Arafat of going over their heads with the aim of making concessions to the Israelis. The PLO leader averted a damaging split in the movement by delegating additional authority to the negotiators.

The delegates also shared Mr Darwishe's concern over the PLO's financial disorder.

Nazi hunters win 13 days to justify Demjanjuk trial

BY BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ISRAEL'S supreme court again held up the release of John Demjanjuk yesterday, allowing Holocaust survivors and Nazi hunters 13 more days to prepare arguments to justify a new trial.

Chief Justice Meir Shamgar granted the delay after listening for two hours to lawyers from the World Jewish Congress and other groups seeking a new trial for Mr Demjanjuk, 73. Mr Demjanjuk was cleared on July 29 of charges that he was "Ivan the Terrible", the Nazi guard who operated the gas chambers at the Treblinka camp.

The groups contend that Mr Demjanjuk worked as a guard at the Sobibor death camp and other concentration camps. "An inkling of the claims have been heard," Justice Shamgar said, adding that he wanted to hear more of the arguments. Israeli legal procedure specifies a 15-day period for such a process, which began on Wednesday after a panel of three judges supported state lawyers' claims that Mr Demjanjuk should be freed.

Justice Shamgar appeared intent on leaving no legal procedure unexplored. He said the postponement had no bearing on whether Mr Demjanjuk should be retried.

The decision was hailed by Holocaust survivors as their first big gain since the acquittal. Yoram Sheftel, Mr Demjanjuk's lawyer, said he was disappointed, but not particularly concerned. "I have no doubt that in the end, even if there is an additional deliberation, which I doubt, the results will be the same as they were in the supreme court, namely a decision that Mr Demjanjuk cannot be brought to trial for additional offences."

Efraim Zuroff, Israel's director for the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said it would use the time to gather evidence on Mr Demjanjuk. "We consider every additinal hour he sits in jail as a punishment for the crimes he committed," Mr Zuroff said.

Mr Demjanjuk has remained in the maximum security cell he has occupied since being deported from America in 1986. Israeli authorities had made elaborate preparations to take Mr Demjanjuk to the airport under tight security if he were released.

Yesterday, French children of Holocaust victims filed a suit against Mr Demjanjuk for crimes against humanity, intending to block his planned transit through France if he makes a stop-over at Orly airport, outside Paris, before boarding another plane to Ohio.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fever puts Mother Teresa in hospital

Delhi: Mother Teresa, the Nobel peace prize winner, developed a high fever during a trip here yesterday, forcing her to miss a ceremony where she was to receive an award named after Rajiv Gandhi, the assassinated former prime minister.

She was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences after her temperature rose to 103F. Dr A. K. Bardhan, her personal doctor, said. He added that a blood test failed to determine what had caused the fever. Dr Bardhan travelled with Mother Teresa to Delhi from Calcutta because her health had been suspect.

The award was collected from vice-president K. R. Narayanan on the 82-year-old Roman Catholic missionary's behalf by one of the senior nuns from her Calcutta-based order, the Missionaries of Charity. *(AFP)*

Briton drowns

Whangarei: A British tourist in New Zealand drowned and another Briton and a New Zealand man were feared dead after a dinghy capsized in rough weather while crossing Hokianga Harbour, 125 miles north of Auckland. Two Japanese survived. *(Reuter)*

Muslims clash

Islamabad: Ten people were killed and 11 injured in sectarian clashes between Sunni and Shia Muslims in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir, an official said. A children's squabble in Gilgit escalated into adult gunfights; 25 people were arrested. *(Reuter)*

Human shield

Kampala: Rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army were holding 5,000 Sudanese refugees hostage as a human shield in northwestern Uganda, preventing them from seeking asylum, a Ugandan government-owned newspaper reported. *(AFP)*

National effort

Seoul: South Korean businesses did their best to help 750,000 pupils taking eight-hour college entrance examinations. Businesses delayed opening to alieviate road congestion and air traffic was partly suspended during the oral portion of the test. *(AP)*

Dead level

Peking: A seven-storey crypt in a garden setting is being built in land-scarce Shenhu, eastern China, where 60,000 graves have been dug up since 1988 to reclaim farmland. Cremation and interment will cost a fraction of a traditional funeral. *(Reuter)*

Police quell Witwatersrand student protests

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

WITWATERSRAND university, a former bastion of white liberalism which for years defied the architects of apartheid, has for the first time called in the South African police to restrain students.

A hundred and thirty four people were arrested after demonstrations by mobs of mainly black undergraduates disrupted lectures, scattered rubbish around the campus, barricaded entrances and flooded lecture halls with fire hoses. Windows were broken and an attempt was made to seize control of the administration offices. Senior staff were manhandled. The protests started three days ago, and yesterday lectures were disrupted while a crowd of demonstrators, which at one point was a few hundred strong, paraded through the corridors of the senate building, singing liberation songs.

The university, founded in 1922, admitted black students on merit from the beginning. After 1948, and the imposition of apartheid on higher education, black students continued to be admitted, although in far fewer numbers. The student body was frequently in conflict with the police because of demonstrations against apartheid. Senior members of staff regularly backed the students, to the extent that the police, who liked nothing better than cracking student heads, were forbidden to enter the campus without invitation.

Over the past five years, with the relaxation of apartheid rules, the number of black students has grown and they now make up about one-third of the 20,000 student body.

"Many of the black students have worked very hard to get here, and want nothing more than to be allowed to get on with their studies," said one professor yesterday. "But there is a small group of others who wish to use the university as a means to further their political agenda. They want a different kind of university."

The South African Students Congress (Sasco), which is leading the student protests, yesterday called for the resignation of the university council and the senate, and for its replacement by a transitional forum. "It should be representative of students, academics, workers and the community," said Makhukhu Mampuru, Sasco's chairman. "The council is overflowing with representatives of the apartheid regime."

Things took a turn for the worse at the university two months ago when the authorities took out an injunction against Sasco, prohibiting various kinds of protest. Yesterday Mr Mampuru said the demonstrations would continue until the injunction, and the police, were withdrawn.

A conflict between black and white students did break out last week at the Vaal Triangle Technikon, a college of technology, at Vereeniging, south of here. Demonstrating black students were set on by whites.

At Wits, June Sinclair, the acting vice-chancellor, said: "Our university remains committed to addressing the needs of all South Africans. It cannot tolerate coercion, intimidation and violence."

The Namibian government expects South Africa legally to transfer the Walvis Bay enclave before September 16, Isaac Kaulinge, the information permanent secretary, said in Windhoek yesterday. He said the South Africa parliament, which reopens for a special short session on September 13, had sufficient time to enact transferring legislation. It was a "misconception" that the transfer of the Bay and 12 offshore islands, ruled by South Africa since 1910, could take until April. Theo-Ben Gurirab, the foreign minister, is expected to meet R.F."Pik" Botha, his South African counterpart, on September 3 to iron out details. (AFP)

Zimbabwe losing war to save white rhino

BY AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN HARARE

WILDLIFE conservationists expressed shock yesterday at reports that poachers had almost wiped out white rhinoceroses in Zimbabwe's main game reserve.

Dick Pitman of the Zambezi Society said a recent survey had found just two white rhino in Hwange National Park, where up to 70 roamed a year ago. "The news came as a very great shock. It looks as though we have just about lost the war against rhino poachers," Mr Pitman said.

"Vets went in to the park to do some radio collaring, which allows the animals to be tracked, and they just couldn't find any. But they did find at least 20 carcasses."

Zimbabwe's herd of black rhinoceroses, until recently the largest in the world, has also been hit hard by poachers, reduced from an estimated 2,000 in 1989 to fewer than 400 this year. Mr Pitman urged the government to take rapid action to protect the remaining animals by putting more game scouts into the field. In the Zambezi valley, rangers have been waging a low intensity war against poachers, many of whom have crossed from Zambia armed with AK47 automatic rifles.

"I think that we could very easily lose all the rhino in the wild — apart from those in private estates — over the next year," Mr Pitman said.

Both the black and white species of rhinoceros have been hunted to virtual extinction in most African states. Zimbabwe was their last stronghold, although the white rhino is still relatively common in parts of South Africa.

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Poachers' toll: where white rhino roamed, carcasses are now found



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The Angel (£89),† Abergavenny. Forte Posthouse (£90), Basildon. Plough & Harrow (£89), Birmingham. Forte Posthouse (£90), Birmingham. The Brandon Hill (£95), Brandon/Warwickshire. Forte Crest (£95),† Brighouse. The Ivy Bush Royal (£99),† Carmarthen. Forte Posthouse (£90), Coventry. The White Horse Hotel (£99),† Dorking. The Bath Hotel (£99),† Evesham. Forte Posthouse (£90), Glasgow. The Angel & Royal (£89), Grantham. The Green Man Hotel (£89),† Harlow. The Green Dragon (£90), Hereford. The White House Hotel (£89),† Hertingfordbury. The George (£99), Hunstanton. Forte Posthouse (£90), Luton. The Blue Boar (£99), Maldon. The Chequers (£89), Newbury. Forte Crest (£90), Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. The Golden Lion (£99), Northallerton. Forte Posthouse (£90), Rochester. The White Horse (£99), Romsey. The Grosvenor (£89),† Stalbridge. Grosvenor House Hotel (£86), Sheffield. The Lion (£90), Shrewsbury. Forte Posthouse (£90), Southampton. The Thames Lodge (£90), Staines. Forte Crest (£90), Swansea. The Pelford (£99),† Tavistock. Forte Posthouse (£90), Teesside. Forte Posthouse (£90), Washington.

£104-£109 per person for 3 nights

Old England (£109), Boston. Hotel de la Bere (£109), Chichester. Forte Crest (£104), Guildford. Kingston Lodge Hotel (£109),† Kingston-Upon-Thames. Manor House Hotel (£109), Leamington Spa. The Castle & Ball (£109), Marlborough. Ghyll Manor Hotel (£109),† Rusper. Royal Hop Pole (£109), Tewkesbury.

£119 per person for 3 nights

The Imperial Hotel, Blackpool. St. Vincents Rocks Hotel,† Bristol. The Palace Hotel,† Buxton. The Bedford Bridge Hotel,† Dorking/Box Hill. Royal Hotel,† Isle of Wight/Ventnor. The Royal, Ross-on-Wye. Rutland Court Hotel, Rutland/Leicestershire.

£128-£139 per person for 3 nights

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Some people leave the city to be with the in-crowd; others just to experience life behind unlocked doors

Alexander Chancellor in New York

The urge to go on holiday to a place where you will find gathered together everyone you know (or would like to know) seems to be very strong among Americans. Even President Clinton, who must surely need some peace and quiet, has chosen to take the longest holiday he has had in four years — all 11 days of it — in Martha's Vineyard, one of the most fashionable summer resorts on earth.

Anticipating his arrival there on Thursday, his 47th birthday, all the people on that beautiful Massachusetts island were "agog" and "atwitter", according to *The New York Times*, which published on its front page a map identifying the houses of some of its most famous summer residents. These include Jacqueline Onassis, Katharine Graham, Walter Cronkite, Spike Lee, Jules Feiffer, Art Buchwald, Carly Simon, Christie Brinkley, Billy Joel, and Mr Clinton's friend and adviser Vernon Jordan.

The Clintons are staying in Robert McNamara's house, which stands in seclusion on a wooded promontary only a couple of miles along the coast from Chappaquiddick Island, where Senator Edward Kennedy once tragically drove his car into the water. The president will certainly not be having so wild a time as the Kennedys used to enjoy on the island, but he is unlikely to remain alone with his family for long. Mrs Graham, the chairwoman of the Washington Post Company, is giving a party for him, as is Mr Jordan; and he will be under heavy pressure to attend lots of other parties as well. I expect he will return to the White House exhausted.

Not so me. Refreshed is what I will be when I return to Manhattan on Monday after my country break. Avoiding the social nightmares of Martha's Vineyard or Cape Cod or the Hamptons (although, admittedly, I was under no pressure from anyone to visit them), I rented a cottage about 100 miles north of New York City, on the east bank of the Hudson River. Here, for the past five days, I have been entirely alone.



The cottage is on a riverside estate at the end of a half-mile drive, about 400 yards away from and out of sight of the big house. It is on a bluff overlooking the river, which is more than three-quarters of a mile wide at this point, and with a view beyond it of the Catskill Mountains, which are soft and comforting hills, reminiscent of Scotland. The view is extremely grand and romantic, but not intimidating. This is the countryside celebrated in the last century by America's first native group of landscape painters, the Hudson River School. A few miles north of here is the romantic "Persian" villa, Olana, built by one of its most famous members, Frederic Church.

While there are rich New York families living in some of the grand mansions along the river, this does not feel like a smart area. There are no freshly painted picket fences, no glossy thoroughbreds in paddocks, no herds of pedigree cows. Although the countryside has been thoroughly tamed and populated, there is still a lingering hint of wilderness about it.

Life on the Hudson up here is, as you might imagine, about as different as can be from life in the river's port city, New York. There is complete silence here, and complete privacy. While there is nothing to stop anybody wandering through the woods around my cottage, nobody does so, and I have yet to encounter a single unexpected human being. If this were Britain, there would be trippers all over the place. But Americans respect private property far more than Europeans do.

In Manhattan, every home is protected like a fortress. My cottage doesn't even have a key to its front door. When, before coming, I telephoned from the city to ask how to gain admittance, I was told that the door was always left unlocked, and indeed there seems to be no reason for locking it. This trust, which is a wonderful thing, is also in evidence on the roadsides, where many of the farmers' fruit stalls, stacked with peaches and apples and pears to attract the passing motorist, are left unattended all day long, with open boxes in which to put the money.

At one such fruit stand I found a distraught middle-aged gentleman with an Italian accent who had been knocking on the door of a farmhouse in a vain attempt to find someone who would tell him where to go to pick his own apples, as proposed on a placard outside. I suggested he simply buy one of the prepared cartons, but he was indignant. "I've come all the way from Brooklyn," he said. "There's no fun in buying a box of apples. I want to pick my own."

In this country, where fruit and vegetables have travelled on average a distance of 1,200 miles before they are purchased in the shops, one can understand a city dweller's urge to pick his own. Actually knowing where an apple comes from must be a fulfilling experience. The fruit tastes delicious, too, compared with the flavourless stuff on sale in the delis of New York City. I am not much looking forward to going back.

Pesticides may be behind many ailments, but the government will not investigate, says **Richard North**

Poisoning the wells of science

A victim of the Spanish "toxic oil syndrome" disaster, interviewed on the admirable Yorkshire Television documentary *Poisoned Lives* in 1991 expressed her disillusion: "When I hear the word 'scientist', it's as if I get an allergic reaction. And the word 'expert', well, I go cold whenever someone says 'an expert says this', I worry that it is not true. It's something that was said in the interests of some economic pressure group. I think science is a fine thing. It's a shame that it can be corrupted like this."

That disaster, in which thousands suffered grotesque neurological disturbances and several hundred died, was officially attributed to contaminated cooking oil. However, two researchers employed on post-epidemic studies found that many victims had not consumed the suspect oil, though all had eaten tomatoes or cucumbers from a nursery in southern Spain which used an organophosphorous (OP) pesticide. Symptoms of the "syndrome" were entirely compatible with acute OP poisoning.

Dr Mark Purdey, who farms organic cattle in Somerset, notes a similarity between this incident and the current bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), or "mad cow", epidemic, which has now affected more than 100,000 cattle. This is officially explained as being due to a suspect protein, but the ministry concedes that 2,000 of the cattle never consumed this. Dr Purdey has found that BSE too is remarkably similar to chronic organo-phosphorous poisoning, and notes a series of coincidences. Not least of these is that the BSE epidemic started two years after OP compounds began to be used as sheep-dip pesticides. Another striking feature is that the BSE epidemic in Britain, as the ministry agrees, has been most intense in areas such as the south-west which were designated as Warble Fly Eradication Zones in the 1980s. Here farmers were compelled by the ministry to treat their cattle with OP insecticides from the same chemical family as those used in the sheep-dips. As the OP sheep-dips are now thought by some to be implicated in a variety of complaints, from ME to asthma, Dr Purdey believed that the same compounds might be causing BSE.

So confident was he that this was a plausible hypothesis to explain the continuing epidemic, that in April 1992, when one of his cows which had been over-wintered on a chemically managed farm showed signs of BSE, he treated it with the cocktail of drugs that was issued to Gulf war soldiers as an antidote to organo-phosphorous nerve gas. The cow responded within 90 minutes, and sustained improvement until further drugs were withheld because experts could not agree to the treatment continuing. When the cow was slaughtered, it was confirmed as a BSE sufferer.

Such data might, it would be supposed, excite the interest of beleaguered officials from the ministry, who are finding it increasingly difficult to explain why cases of BSE continue to rise. Instead, until recently, Dr Purdey has met a wall of official indifference.

What he came up against, however, is more profound than a simple rejection of a plausible hypothesis. He was confronted by a disturbing attitude in the official scientific method. When a problem is found, the traditional scientific approach, which has served mankind well, is to assemble facts, from which a hypothesis is formulated, on which basis controls are devised. But, crucially, the hypothesis must be treated as provisional. Attempts must be made to knock it down — not least by monitoring the effect of the controls introduced. Only if the hypothesis survives can it be treated as sound, and then only as the best approximation to the truth.

In the case of BSE, a hypothesis was hastily arrived at during the 1988-9 food scares, which were fuelled by the claims of Professor Richard Lacey of Leeds University that transmission to humans could lead to the death of millions. Ministers — first John MacGregor and then John Gummer — worked on the hypothesis that BSE was caused by cows' consumption of under-processed, scrapie-infected sheep protein. Feed renderers were blamed, and the use of such feed was banned.

It is hard to fault the ministers, faced as they were with acute public concern, the relative lack of knowledge, and the imminent collapse of the beef market. It is also hard to argue that their intervention was excessive. The pressure to do something was inexorable. But here politics and science part company. For once hypotheses are used as the basis of policy, they tend to be taken not as the best approximation to the truth, but as unalterable fact. They become a mantra, and departure from this is akin to heresy. Those who disagree are ignored or ridiculed, while the scientific establishment is funded not to test the hypothesis, but to support it.

> Government funds are used to support the hypothesis, but never to test it

While Dr Purdey's thesis may not prove any more valid than the official doctrine of infected feed, it is at least plausible. And if information on OP residues in cattle and sheep were obtained and collated with BSE incidence, it might either support his thesis or put it to rest. But, of more than 10,000 tests on carcass meat by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate in the first three months of this year, a mere 28 looked for pesticide residues. Furthermore, the samples taken were of a type least likely to disclose pesticide residues.

This points to the most pernicious aspect of the government's disdain for science. Its research seems to be devoted to supporting the official diagnosis. Any which might produce data that weaken the perceived wisdom is simply not done. This is not a cover-up, but a reflection of the official thinking. Government regards the accuracy of its original hypothesis as a sign of its political virility. It cannot tolerate anything which might prove it wrong.

Yet, if Dr Purdey's hypothesis proves correct, and BSE is really chronic OP poisoning, then the fears of human transmission will have been unfounded. However, as the farming industry awaits an imminent announcement from Gillian Shephard, the minister of agriculture, on whether OP sheep dips should be banned, industry sources are suggesting the delay in banning a chemical closely related to nerve gas might have been influenced by the possibility of such an action opening the floodgates to civil claims, such as those already being mooted by farmers. The ministry will be reluctant to adopt a theory about BSE which strengthens this possibility. Are political considerations taking precedence over scientific evidence? As the woman said, it's a shame science can be corrupted like this.

The Mad Officials by Richard North and Christopher Booker will be published in November.

Defeat in the surrogate war

The Western alliance has been tearing itself apart over Bosnia, but to no good purpose on the ground

There are now two Bosnian wars. One is in Bosnia and is between the three communities of that benighted land. It is Bosnia's war, perhaps the former Yugoslavia's war. Fighting it is not a charge on any other country. This war is being won by the Serbs and Croats, as was certain from the moment Sarajevo's predominantly Muslim government opted for independence from Belgrade 18 months ago. Only when the Muslims accept *de facto* defeat on the ground — not in smart Geneva hotels — will some new political order in Bosnia be feasible. Only then can killing end and reconstruction begin.

The other Bosnian war is a surrogate. It is being waged far from the Adriatic, an eerie, disjointed ghost of a war. This war is not men fighting for land. It is about prestige and media manipulation, about no-fly zones, sanctions and war crimes trials, arms deals and United Nations self-esteem. This surrogate war has come near to tearing apart the Western alliance. It has set the American Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, against the British foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd.

The battlefields of this surrogate war are presidential briefing rooms, military seminars, photo-opportunities and the operating theatre of Great Ormond Street Hospital. This war pits aid agency against UN, fundraiser against grief fatigue. Its euphemisms have a lethal narcotic. *The Washington Post* a fortnight ago called air strikes in Bosnia "instruments of an intelligent diplomacy". There was no mention of any enemy, any victim of this "safe" airborne slaughter. Bombing foreigners has apparently become a salve to the American conscience in troubled times. It offers America what the *Post* calls "a little saving decency".

Europe too wages this surrogate war. Witness the recent competition to see which prime minister could get more patients out of Sarajevo and onto a television screen. I saw no Somalian orphans airlifted to London or Leeds, no Azeris, no Kurds. Only white children stir the nation's conscience, a discrimination deftly excused by their being "on our doorstep". Somalia is now an embarrassment. But baby Irma tucked up in a hospital bed was a victory in the surrogate war, a triumph over the French and the Germans. It showed the Americans what for. No matter that more lives might have been saved at lower cost by sending medicine and supplies to Sarajevo's own hospital. That is not how surrogate wars are waged.

Occasionally these two Bosnian wars collide. Last week the UN commanders on the ground, goaded beyond endurance by the American bombing lobby, protested that President Clinton was out of his mind to suggest air strikes. Brigadier Vere Hayes and Lieutentant General Francis Briquemont had been charged by the UN simply to escort food and medical convoys to Bosnian towns, a task they have executed with great skill and little publicity. Britain alone has spent more than £130 million getting aid into Bosnia, including 690 RAF flights into Sarajevo. Millions of tons have reached towns and villages under conditions of medieval siege. I doubt if any previous civil war has seen such intensive and successful international action.



Helping Bosnian refugees has been one of the West's few honourable actions in this muddled war

Simon Jenkins

Yet these commanders have had to suffer constant harassment from the armchair warriors of the surrogate war. They have been told they should be taking sides, getting out of their tanks and stopping the slaughter. Overhead they must listen to the sonic booms of jets enforcing the meaningless "no-fly zone", costly sorties ordered by superpower leaders for home consumption. (No comparable money is available for the UN warehouses.) Now come renewed American demands for bombing. Air support for ground operations is usually within the sphere of a field commander. But air strikes are nowadays photogenic and thus big politics. They are taken out of the remit not just of commanders on the ground but of the UN in New York. Air strikes are the privilege of the president of the United States.

No UN soldiers in Bosnia — and precious few armchair generals anywhere else — see any scope for bombers in Bosnia. Most bombs would miss their targets, and could hit anybody. They would make Serbian and Croatian commanders more aggressive, and make Muslim ones more reckless in rejecting any truce. Relief convoys would become almost impossible. More people would die. If the world's military talent were shut in a room and asked to name the surest way to prolong war in Bosnia, I am sure they would nominate Mr Clinton's air strikes.

Yet air strikes, like baby Irma, are part of the logic of surrogate war. If a conflict is being waged anywhere, powerful states must be seen to be committed to it at minimal human cost to themselves. Their leaders must order acts of great violence and/or great charity, anything that will command public attention. There must be blood or there must be tears. Leaders must not risk being portrayed as wimpish and careless. Foreign policy is reduced to publicity-saturated gesturing.

There are moments when the surrogate war appears to take control even of the real one. Each week the Muslim lobby in New York secures a new promise of air support or a new hint of arms supplies. This must encourage the Muslims to keep fighting and thus prolong the agony. The ceaseless map-drawing and redrawing in Geneva ignores the maxim that maps should be made after a ceasefire, not before — or they encourage one or other side to keep fighting.

The first Vance-Owen maps out of Geneva gave the Muslims hope of more territory than they could ever win in war, so ensuring rejection by the Serbs. The latest maps have had the reverse effect. They encourage Croat and Serb to believe that every extra mile gained in battle will be sanctified by Lord Owen and entrenched by UN troops. This lethal cartography is merely a goad to more war.

Geneva likes to think of itself as the city of peacemakers. Usually it is the capital of false hopes and futile intervention. Its mediation gives the defeated a chance to pretend that surrender is avoidable and the victor a chance to win more land. Such high-profile diplomacy offers embattled leaders a platform for their intransigence while others die in their cause. Small wonder Lord Owen says he finds the participants in his peace talks deceitful. If summoned to the fleshpots of Geneva while my compatriots were fighting in ditches, I would concede nothing and deceive all night. Geneva is no venue for the painful compromises of armistice.

The good news is that as of yesterday, a partition of Bosnia is firmly on the agenda. This is in place of the hopeless Vance-Owen cantonment plan of last winter. Partition is the first step back from civil war, the precursor to rapprochement. For a loser it is the one alternative to total defeat.

What would be tragic is a settlement that inflicts on Bosnia tens of thousands of UN soldiers policing "enclaves" (except perhaps Sarajevo). Foreign garrisons relieve local parties of any responsibility for peace. Such forces will be the perpetual policemen of Bosnia, hated by all sides as such. They will be the butt of all grievance and would freeze existing divisiveness. This is happening now in Somalia.

Already the postmortems are being written on Bosnia by those who wanted the West to take up arms against the Serbs. The UN has allegedly failed. Nato has proved a paper tiger. America has dithered. Europe has "deserted" one of its number and shown it does not care. Such charges can be laid at the door only of the surrogate warriors, with their synthetic posturing, tabletop heroics and meddling mediation. The only postmortem on their war should be, don't ever do it again.

I still believe that intervention in the real Bosnian war by the UN has been largely creditable. All humanitarian aid to war victims risks appearing partial. Yet in Bosnia, relief has been delivered to the starving and sick. Thousands of lives have been saved. There was never any purchase in outsiders taking sides in this war. But humanity demanded that outsiders meet suffering with compassion. Those who offered that compassion could never "win" a war they were never asked to fight. It is outrageous that they should be tarred with the brush of failure. The failure lies with those who, for reasons of their own, declared a second, quite different Bosnian war — and then messed it up.

Language exams

THE TIMES DIARY

Forget Christie against Cason, and Gunnell against Farmer-Patrick. The ultimate head-to-head will not be staged at Stuttgart, I learn, nor indeed any athletics arena. No, preparations are well advanced to bring this constitutional showdown to the Palace of Westminster in October. The contestants: the Speaker of the House of Commons and the MP for Bolsover — "Betty versus the Beast". At stake is the ultimate parliamentary challenge — to be the first to master Norwegian.

Both competitors are already understood to be in intensive training. At her traditional summer training camp in Northern Cyprus, Betty Boothroyd has imposed the sort of punishing textbook schedule that would send lesser scholars rushing to a darkened room. But the mood at Dennis Skinner's secret northern seaside resort is also one of supreme confidence. "Our lad's working flat out — he's already cracked basic grammar and is on to modern usage," said one of the Beast's coaches.

Skinner, or the *villdyr* of Bolsover as he now prefers to be known, retains a slight advantage, having been quick to spot a fellow spirit in Thorbjoern Berntsen, the Norwegian environment minister who heaped such spectacular abuse on his British counterpart, the now forever unfragrant John Gummer. Rather than run the risk of parliamentary expulsion by lapsing into the all-too-readily understood Anglo-Saxon vernacular, thought Skinner, why not lapse into a bit of Viking invective?

But Boothroyd is determined not to be caught out. As well as her own preparations (her *Ro, Ro!* is almost perfect), one of her clerks has embarked on an advanced course in Norwegian abuse to provide expert advice in the face of a Skinner onslaught. Similar plans are being laid by her counterpart in Oslo, where MPs are taking bets on the first MP to be expelled from the Norwegian parliament for describing an opponent as a "Gummer", now one of the most offensive words in the Norwegian language.

Even if the intensive preparation by both sides results in parliamentary stalemate come October, neither Boothroyd nor Skinner will have wasted the summer. After all, both will have an excellent chance of achieving a top grade at A-level. For just as a generation of public school pupils are learning that if they want to go to Oxford or Cambridge they really ought to have gone to a comprehensive, so an analysis of this year's A-level results shows that those aiming for top grades should study languages. Study Welsh or German, and the examiners appear to grant a pass out of gratitude. Similarly, pen a short essay on Sir Bernard Ingham and the fare dodger, or the first lavatory on Everest, in Italian, Russian or Spanish, and a grade A is all but guaranteed.

That, however, is very far from the case with our own fair language or, as it is by A-level time, our own fair literature, for which the coveted grade A is achieved by a smaller than average proportion of candidates. But not for much longer if the Prince of Wales gets his way. This week he told teachers at his Shakespeare summer school in Stratford that the best method of encouraging reluctant pupils towards an appreciation of the Bard was "to give them a kick". This blunt advice will have surprised the couple charged with actual bodily harm after slippering their son for skipping school.

But stings in the tail were not confined to truants. University vice-chancellors brought numerous celebrations to an abrupt and painful end by suggesting that students should make a much larger contribution to the cost of their higher education. Fed up with government grant cuts designed to push unwilling school-leavers into science courses (in the hope, presumably, of finding someone who can prove that British power stations don't cause acid rain in Norway), they want students to make up the difference. It's a long time since a university degree meant jobs for life, but if the VCs get their way, a degree could mean taxes for life. A sobering thought the next time you're contemplating the Norwegian for "place your cross in the appropriate box".

Although there was a record pass-rate this year, there were still those for whom the brown envelope through the letter box spelt disappointment, rejection and retakes. But even in the depths of despair there was some encouragement. Last year, for instance, the BBC failed its Maths A-level, by fatally calculating that monies raised by the licence fee minus monies spent on making programmes equalled — oh dear — minus £60 million. But 12 months at the Birtian accountancy crammer has worked wonders. This year the answer to the same equation is so positive that the corporation may be forced into reducing the licence fee. The solution? As anyone glancing at the summer schedules could tell you: give up making programmes.

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TAKING THE AIR

Pollution in the countryside may be worse than in town

The air that is breathed by Britain's city-dwellers has been a cause of concern for over a hundred years. By the middle of the nineteenth century, urban areas were blighted by the smoke from factory chimneys. Chronic bronchitis was endemic in the industrialised conurbations and "killer smog" — the lethal marriage of smoke and fog — a constant threat. Meanwhile the countryside, though often afflicted by dangerous work and poverty, did at least offer refreshing air.

In the cities and suburbs a series of health and safety acts brought reforms to disease-prone industries and controls on factory emissions. The Clean Air Act of 1956, which banned the burning of soft coal in built-up areas, made most of Britain's towns into smoke-free zones. Since then, song-birds and healthy vegetation have returned.

The countryside air, by contrast, has suffered some reverses. Havens of fresh, wholesome living have become cruel illusions. Farmers have suffered an epidemic of mysterious symptoms which many think are linked to the organo-phospherous pesticide present in sheep-dip. The Ministry of Agriculture is reviewing the dangers of OP compounds which are also being suggested as a cause of the so-called mad cow disease.

The dangers of pesticides and their long-term repercussions on the environment have been known for a long time. Rachel Carson's book, *Silent Spring*, made clear the horrifying consequences of the use of DDT. As a consequence of wider awareness of its dangers, DDT was phased out in Britain. But pesticide use generally has increased 31 times since 1962. Many of the chemicals which Rachel Carson identified as most dangerous are still in use in this country, and the new chemicals are also toxic.

A fungicide used widely in rural areas has been associated with a high incidence of babies being born without eyes to parents who lived near fields that were routinely sprayed. Lincolnshire, one of the most intensively farmed areas in western Europe, has had striking clusters of this tragic birth defect. Sir Richard Body, MP for Lincoln and a former chairman of the Select Committee on Agriculture, recommended controls on pesticide use in 1987 which have never been implemented.

The technology used for the spraying of chemicals has progressed. Improvements have been made to the booms and nozzles which spread potentially deadly fluid. But "spray drift" is still a problem. Although in theory there are strict limitations on when spraying may be carried out, these are frequently ignored — precisely because they are so restricting. Because crop-spraying may not be carried out under still conditions or when there is a wind of more than six miles per hour, farmers often feel they have little choice but to flout the regulations in long spells of anti-cyclonic weather.

Air, unlike water, is almost impossible to monitor consistently. It is only during sporadic episodes of pollution that testing may take place. By that time the damage has been done. The deterioration of the country atmosphere is not helped, either, by confusion over whose responsibility it is. Jurisdiction over areas such as air pollution and waste management is shared between the Department of the Environment, local authorities and the Waste Management Authority.

Because controls are in a state of flux, they are not being enforced with any consistency. Conflicting bureaucracies veer between over-regulation and none at all. An irrational patchwork of rules makes life difficult for farmers without improving the environment. The government needs to clear the air over the countryside both metaphorically and actually.

TO BOARD OR NOT TO BOARD

International law and complex Chinese cargo

A Chinese merchant vessel, moored in international waters off the gulf of Oman, is the world's most controversial ship. The focus of a disquieting altercation between Peking and Washington, it raises issues that call for measured analysis by reference to first principles of international law.

The Yinhe, operated by the Guangzhou Ocean Shipping Co, has been stalked by the US navy since it left a Chinese port a month ago. Washington claims that it is carrying thiodiglycol and thionyl chloride, ingredients for banned chemical weapons, for delivery to Iran. Peking, however, has insisted strenuously that it has an innocuous cargo of "stationery, and small metal and machine parts". Official Chinese sources say that the US has rejected an offer for inspection by a third party. The Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, while stressing that the US "will find a way to make sure that those chemicals are not delivered into the wrong hands", has averred that it has the right to board and inspect the ship.

Under international law, it has no such right. The basic principle, affirmed by the Permanent Court of International Justice in the Lotus Case in 1927 and the 1958 High Seas Convention, is that ships on the high seas in peacetime are subject to no authority except that of the state whose flag they fly. The exceptions to this, conferring a right of visit, are violations of a rule of *jus cogens* (a peremptory norm from which no derogation is permitted). The right is limited to cases of piracy or slave-trafficking. This principle is a corollary of the freedom of the high seas.

If the US were to board the vessel the act would have serious implications for global public order. China, predictably, has accused the US of acting as "self-appointed international policeman". Precipitate unilateral action will exacerbate, not resolve, the situation. The matter, however, reveals (not for the first time) a disturbing lacuna in the UN Charter. The US could not act with the imprimatur of the Security Council because China would veto any resolution. What is to be done in cases where a permanent member of the Security Council violates international law? The answer lies in collective non-forcible sanctions or counter-measures adopted outside the aegis of the Security Council.

The question of whether the Yinhe actually has illegal chemicals on board is, at a certain level, a red herring. The US is justified in its concern over China's venal practice of selling arms to "rogue" states. Since 1982, China has made over $15 billion in sales of arms, including missiles, to states such as Syria, Iraq, Iran, North Korea and Burma. The US, and others, must make the price China pays far greater than the profit it makes from this. The Clinton administration must revoke China's "most favoured nation" status when the award is reviewed next year, if China fails to cease selling arms to unsavoury regimes. It could, also, publicly oppose Peking's Olympic bid. China's arms policies nourish global instability. China has promised to ratify the 1993 Chemical Weapons Convention. Not yet in force, this treaty outlaws the use, manufacture, storage and transfer of chemical arms. As a signatory, China is obliged, already, not to act in a manner that would defeat the object and purpose of this treaty. If there is no right to board ships, there is, also, no right to deal in chemical weapons.

CABBAGE WITH EVERYTHING

May the prime minister enjoy his vegetables and his holiday

When the Emperor Diocletian abdicated and retired to the Croatian town of Split, he was asked why he had given up the mastery of the world for such a muddy backwater. He replied: "But you should see the cabbages I grow there." Perhaps one day John Major will do and say the same. Cabbages may be the commonplace looking-glass antithesis to kings; but they are the favourite food of the prime minister as he admitted this week to a waitress at the Old Fire Engine Restaurant in Ely on finding that there were no thick green leaves to go with his steak and kidney pie. One can only speculate on the reason for this choice. So we shall do just that.

Perhaps the answer is that the cabbage, like the prime minister, has had a hard time recently from critics. The vegetable is fashionably judged edible when undercooked by modern methods in a wok. But it is not much liked. Mr Major's favourite greens are frequently abused as yellowing and overboiled, a food eaten only because it was once thought to be good for the bowels. If it has admirers, they are acting only on the old puritan pharmacists' principle that anything that tastes exceptionally unpleasant must be beneficial.

Maybe the prime minister is attempting to distance himself from the legacy of George "electoral failure" Bush. An early blight on the ex-president's career was his dislike of green vegetables, in particular that cauliflower-with-A-levels called broccoli. The broccoli-growers of America took such umbrage that Barbara Bush was brought out to declare that broccoli was her favourite vegetable. It was not enough. The votes had already gone. A terrible warning.

Or then the story is often told (apocryphal, we are sure) of Mrs Thatcher at a Cabinet dinner. "What about the vegetables, ma'am?", the waiter asked. "They'll have the same," she replied haughtily. Perhaps, on this as on so many other issues, Mr Major is making a subtle shaft against his predecessor. Or perhaps the cabbage, whose common name comes from the Latin *caput* for head, is loved in Downing Street today for its resemblance in size and shape and wit to the head of the average backbench rebel.

Maybe Mr Major simply enjoys cabbage. Mangetout, the pretentious pea eaten while still in its pod, may be a more fashionable vegetable among the Foodies. Raw lettuce is deemed healthier by the narcissistic and hypochondriac Greens. Peas were the preference of Louis XVIII, the fat French monarch who used to make his family watch him eat the entire helping of the first new crop of the year with the words "Moi avant". But for John Major the cabbage is perfect.

It is the cheapest vegetable to grow. It is the most traditional common vegetable, and it suits the prime minister's appeal as Everyman next door. There is an attractive actual and metaphorical earthiness about cabbages. May the prime minister enjoy his greens on his holiday in Portugal, which is one of the homes of the original undomesticated cabbage, though the Portuguese will serve it, like everything else they eat there, with cod and olive oil.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Taxation as means of tackling deficit

From Dr Keith Hampson, MP for Leeds North West (Conservative)

Sir, All shades of opinion in the Conservative party would agree, I think, on four basic aspects of economic policy: the need for sound public finances, the need to promote an enterprise economy, the current need to prune public expenditure and the continued need to nurture the present economic lift-off.

However, it seems odd to deny totally the value of a key economic instrument, direct tax, to rely on monetary policy and indirect taxation which, as we have repeatedly seen, is far from easy and carries a heavy political fall-out.

Far from an increase in direct tax being "unthinkable", as my "No Turning Back" colleagues have argued in their new pamphlet (report, August 20), it may be that the best way to further promote enterprise will be to raise marginally the top tax rate. The reason is that because it is tempting for governments to increase income tax by stealth, by not fully indexing the thresholds, people now fall into the top tax band at a ridiculously low level: £23,700. The level would be £25,500 if there had been full indexing in each of the last two years.

For those believing in stimulating enterprise this must be a nonsense since it drags into the top tax bracket key economic groups, small businessmen, middle management and growing numbers of the professional middle class, amongst whom Tory support has been fading.

Increasing the top rate to 45p would raise nearly £1.7 billion. This could allow the threshold to be raised to £25,000 and still produce a revenue gain of some £1.1 billion to help meet the PSBR shortfall.

Yours etc,
KEITH HAMPSON,
House of Commons,
August 20.

From Mr N. P. E. Wheeler

Sir, That our national finances are in a mess is not a matter for dispute: £50 billion is an often quoted figure for the projected deficit.

The Chancellor has already hinted at what anyone can see is the only fair solution — VAT increases.

These affect everybody. Operators in the black economy, tax cheats, new age travellers and all have to spend their money. The machinery for collection is in place. Selective social exemption could be applied and we should disregard the European Community in this matter, as so many other member states seem to do.

Yours faithfully,
N. P. E. WHEELER,
20 Cavendish Road,
Sutton, Surrey.
August 19.

Green-shoot spotting

From Sir Patrick Sergeant

Sir, What should we regard these days as tangible evidence that the much-heralded recovery is under way (Mr D. S. Wolff's letter, August 18)? The number of taxis waiting in the ranks and the number of empty tables in the Savoy Grill?

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK SERGEANT,
Euromoney House,
Playhouse Yard, EC4.

From Mr C. C. H. Alderson

Sir, The answer to Mr Wolff's question is probably, but sadly, the number of fast-food cartons and wrappers littering our pavements — spending power up, cleaning budgets down.

Yours faithfully,
C. C. H. ALDERSON,
121 Handside Lane,
Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Ivor Davies

Sir, A reliable measure of the state of my industry's health has been the thickness of one of its trade magazines. From a robust 7 millimetres or more per weekly issue in 1988, it has declined to little more than 3 millimetres during most of the past two years.

Yours faithfully,
IVOR DAVIES,
Managing Director,
Corporate Textiles Ltd,
Rembrandt House,
83 Upper Clapton Road, E5.

From His Honour Peter Mason, QC

Sir, In earlier years tangible pointers to economic recovery were easier to spot.

My uncle travelled frequently from Bradford to London on the Midland Railway. If the chimneys of the brickworks in Bedfordshire were smoking, he bought shares; if they were not, he sold. He died a wealthy man.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MASON,
Lane Cottage, Amberley,
Near Stroud, Gloucestershire.
August 18.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Pressure on Indonesia over Timor

From Mr Liem Soei Liong

Sir, Your leading article of August 18, condemning Indonesia's annexation of East Timor, is right to urge the British government to use its permanent seat on the Security Council to call for sanctions against Indonesia. But considering the complexity and profitability of British economic ties with Indonesia, a great deal of pressure will be needed before Whitehall listens to such sound advice.

Western governments all too easily fall for any sign of a shift in Indonesian policy to find an excuse to commend the aggressors. This can be expected to happen following the government's announcement (report, August 18) that all combat troops will be withdrawn from East Timor, leaving 10 battalions of "territorial troops" which, the military commander says, will "be engaged exclusively in development activities".

Let there be no mistake. Territorial troops are the means by which the Indonesian army exercises constant and heavy-handed control over the population. They are well armed and are present throughout the territory to prevent any manifestation of resistance, whether armed or peaceful, to Indonesian rule.

If indeed it is true that combat troops are being withdrawn, they are part of Indonesia's rapid deployment force and will be available for use in East Timor at a moment's notice. Only by the demilitarisation of the territory will the 18-year-long reign of terror end.

Yours sincerely,
LIEM SOEI LIONG,
c/o 111 Northwood Road,
Croydon, Surrey.
August 19.

From Mr Michael Stewart

Sir, At the time of Indonesia's "annexation", East Timor was in a state of civil war. The Portuguese had thrown in the towel and sailed for home. Many thousands of refugees were fleeing to neighbouring West Timor (part of Indonesia) and frequent raids were being made across the border. Indonesia only stepped in when asked to do so by the representatives of the overwhelming majority of the people of East Timor.

You suggest that Indonesia should now "unconditionally vacate" East Timor. What makes you think that anything but civil war would fill the vacuum and that within six months the 600 schools and eight hospitals that the Indonesians have built in East Timor would not lie in ruins?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL STEWART,
33 Henrietta Street,
Covent Garden, WC2.
August 19.

From Dr I. M. Jessiman

Sir, Congratulations on pointing out the disgraceful way this country has been supporting the regime of General Suharto.

British Aerospace informed me in a letter last June that they consider the sale of Hawk aircraft to Indonesia to lie within British government guidelines. They quoted Mr Archie Hamilton, minister of state for the armed forces, speaking in the House of Commons on January 12:

There is no doubt in my mind that a Hawk aircraft can do nothing to suppress the people of East Timor. The aircraft is not suitable for that purpose and we have guarantees from the Indonesians that the aircraft would not be used for internal suppression.

No doubt Saddam Hussein had given us similar guarantees about his intended use of the large metal cylinders that we were selling him for his "super-gun".

Yours faithfully,
I. M. JESSIMAN,
17 Grange Drive, Chislehurst, Kent.
August 19.

Plates of identity

From Mr Alan G. Child

Sir, Commander Michael Chamberlain (letter, August 17) would be given a GB sticker as part of the AA five-star service for touring abroad, but should beware.

The sticker provided quite clearly states: "Do not use on Rolls-Royce or Bentley cars." Is the paintwork of such cars vastly superior to others, or would such a sticker imply the unthinkable — possible need for breakdown service?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN G. CHILD,
Station House,
Wateringbury, Maidstone, Kent.
August 18.

From Mr Peter Feeney

Sir, Commander Chamberlain does not want to deface his car and caravan with a GB sticker and suggests that national identity be included in the rear number plate. The number plates of the Republic of Ireland and of Portugal, for example, include national identity letters under the EC logo.

Yours faithfully,
PETER FEENEY,
8 Albany Road,
Ranelagh, Dublin 6.
August 17.

From Mrs Gilly Cryer

Sir, My father, who lived in Hampshire, kept a permanent "Ecosse" sign on our family car. He told us that it would guarantee preferential treatment in Europe, particularly in France.

Yours faithfully,
GILLY CRYER,
Hale House,
Hale House Lane, Churt, Surrey.
August 17.

Runways at Gatwick

From the Chairman of the British Air Transport Association

Sir, Lord Boyd-Carpenter (letter, August 6; also letter, August 12) quite correctly points out that neither the government nor the CAA were party to agreeing that a second runway would not be built at Gatwick. UK airlines support the view that Gatwick's growth has been adversely affected by the lack of a second runway, even though market demand clearly indicates such a requirement.

Indeed, we can think of no other major airport in the world serving a large capital city that is confined to a single runway.

The consultation which government has invited, following its Rucatse (runway capacity in the south-east) report (details, July 22) appears to be based on the premise that only existing airport owners could — or should — present plans for providing additional runway capacity.

Three of the existing four airport sites in the London area are owned by BAA. For its own reasons, BAA may prove to be reluctant to develop additional runway capacity sufficiently early; hence demand from consumers to fly from the airport of their choice is unlikely to be satisfied.

The fourth, Luton, has never considered the building of another runway.

Rucatse has painted government into a corner. If this situation is allowed to continue, London, as a major centre for commercial aviation, is likely to lose its prominent role and seriously restrict capacity to the consumers.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID R. HOPKINS,
Chairman,
British Air Transport Association,
5-6 Pall Mall East, SW1.

Puzzle posers

From Mrs W. E. Vaughan

Sir, Messrs Kay (letter, July 31) and Campbell (August 7) are not alone in their attempts to win the *Times* Saturday crossword prize. I have tried garishly-coloured envelopes, to no avail. I have even faxed in my solutions from France in order to meet the Thursday deadline, but always the crossword editor ignores me.

I estimate that had I not sent in my answers, but instead saved the postage, I could have not only bought the whisky prize but also the fountain pen and the atlas and still be in pocket, so it must prove that it is the entering that counts and not the winning.

Yours faithfully,
ROSEMARY VAUGHAN,
Chobham Farm Cottage,
Philpot Lane, Chobham, Surrey.
August 8.

From Mr Edward Coales

Sir, Last Thursday I completed crossword number 19,306 (Wednesday, August 11) whilst bivouacking on the Jungfraujoch in preparation for the ascent of the Jungfrau the following morning. At 11,333ft (3,454m) is this a European altitude record for the completion of the *Times* crossword?

Yours etc,
EDWARD COALES,
The Farthings,
Long Green,
Wortham, Diss, Norfolk.
August 16.

From Mr Robert A. Crawford

Sir, Mr Victor Pitcher (letter, August 14) was lucky to have had the time "whilst acting as navigator of a Liberator aircraft during the last war" to complete the *Times* crossword.

In a Beaufighter I was the navigator, wireless operator, radar operator, rear gunner, I cocked the cannons for the pilot when required and kept look-out.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT A. CRAWFORD,
8 Acacia Avenue,
Ruislip, Middlesex.
August 15.

Near miss

From Mr Gerry Orme

Sir, Some years ago, a friend of mine entered a competition: entry form a beer mat; first prize a Porsche.

Imagine his delight when he received correspondence informing him that the runner-up prize was on its way — a Jag, perhaps, or a more humble Metro . . . ? Two days later a T-shirt arrived bearing the slogan "I almost won a Porsche!", reminding him to read the small print, even in pubs.

Yours faithfully,
GERRY ORME,
Rowan House,
14 South Street,
Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire.
August 7.

Drawbacks in law of 'no win, no fee'

From Mr Edward Stanford

Sir, A no-win, no-fee system in the courts (reports, August 11, 12) will introduce further unfairness towards the defendants in legal actions started on this basis. They will have to renounce their rights immediately, or pay their own costs as the action proceeds, with no certainty of recovering their costs if they win.

Such arrangements may cure symptoms but they do not address the basic problem — i.e., that our civil court procedures are much too expensive. As a very rough estimate, a civil action in the UK costs ten times as much as in most continental countries. The effect of this is shocking — the vast majority of private individuals are excluded from the court system.

No palliatives such as increasing entitlement to legal aid can cure this. The government should review civil court procedures root and branch, with the intention of reducing the costs to something comparable with costs on the continent.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD STANFORD,
2 Tanza Road, NW3.
August 12.

From Mr Malcolm Gregor

Sir, I am sorry to note your support (leading article, August 12) for the Lord Chancellor's proposals to permit lawyers to accept cases on a "no win, no fee" basis, provided that they can charge double their fees to the "winner".

It is the essence of professional advice that the person giving it should not have a direct financial stake in the case. Otherwise, there is no guarantee — in this imperfect world — that the advice will be truly for the benefit of the client rather than the lawyer.

I believe that the Lord Chancellor's anxiety to cut costs, for example by limiting legal aid, has got the better of him.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM GREGOR,
40 Beatrice Road,
Newcastle upon Tyne.
August 16.

From Mr Anthony A. Sebag-Montefiore

Sir, In your report (August 11) you made it clear that conditional fees are not the same as contingency fees, because, if you lose, you pay the other side's fees.

What happens if, because of cross suits, they are on a conditional fees basis too?

Yours etc,
ANTHONY A. SEBAG-MONTEFIORE,
Oriental Club, Stratford House,
Stratford Place, W1.
August 11.

United at the altar

From Mr D. J. Murnaghan

Sir, Ruth Gledhill ("Age-old rivals unite at the altar", August 14) described the services held at St Basil and All Saints Church, at Widnes in Cheshire. The Catholic archbishop, the Most Rev Derek Worlock, and the Anglican bishop, the Right Rev David Sheppard, donated the crucifix to the church.

Such co-operation at pew level, where Anglicans and Roman Catholics share the one church supported by the vicar and the parish priest, gives hope for further developments towards a united Christian world.

I look forward to the day when Roman Catholics can attend Mass on a Sunday morning and Vespers in the evening with not only the approval of their Church but also its encouragement.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. MURNAGHAN,
35 Walnut Rise, Dublin 9.
August 16.

New acronym . . .

From Sir Laurie Magnus

Sir, If it could be accepted that the letters "IRMA" stand for "Immediate Response to Media Attention", then the word "irma" could become a part of the language of government. We have seen a number of irmas recently.

Yours faithfully,
LAURIE MAGNUS,
66 Archer House,
Vicarage Crescent, SW11.
August 16.

. . . old diminutives

From Professor Sir Frederick Holliday

Sir, "English has fewer diminutives than most languages", writes Philip Howard (article, August 13). Maybe so, but there is no such shortage in Scotland. A girl can be a lass or if smaller a lassie. In both forms she may then be diminished successively thus: a bit lass, a wee bit lass, a tiny wee bit lass.

If all that is not small enough then the lassie could be a lassikie and even in the extreme a tiny wee bit lassikie.

Yours etc,
F. G. T. HOLLIDAY,
East Rosehill Cottage,
Northwaterbridge,
Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire.
August 13.

SOCIAL NEWS

Arts Council of Northern Ireland

Mr Michael Ancram, Minister for the Arts in Northern Ireland, has announced the membership of the new Arts Council of Northern Ireland, to take office from January 1, 1994. The members are:
Mr Donnell Deeny, QC, (chairman), Mr Jim Aiken, Sir Charles Brett, CBE, Councillor Fred Cobain, Mr Patrick Donnelly, Ms Rita Duffy, Dr Tess Hurson, Ms Kate Ingram, Mr Nicholas Livingston, Professor Edna Longley, Councillor William O'Connell, Mr Richard Pierce, Ms Chrissie Poulter, Mrs Irene Sandford and Professor Robert Welch.

Service dinner

Glamorgan Army Cadet Force
The Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan attended the annual camp dinner of the Counties of Glamorgan Army Cadet Force held last night at Longmoor Training Camp, Liss, Hampshire. Colonel Roy Scott, Commandant, presided.

Latest wills

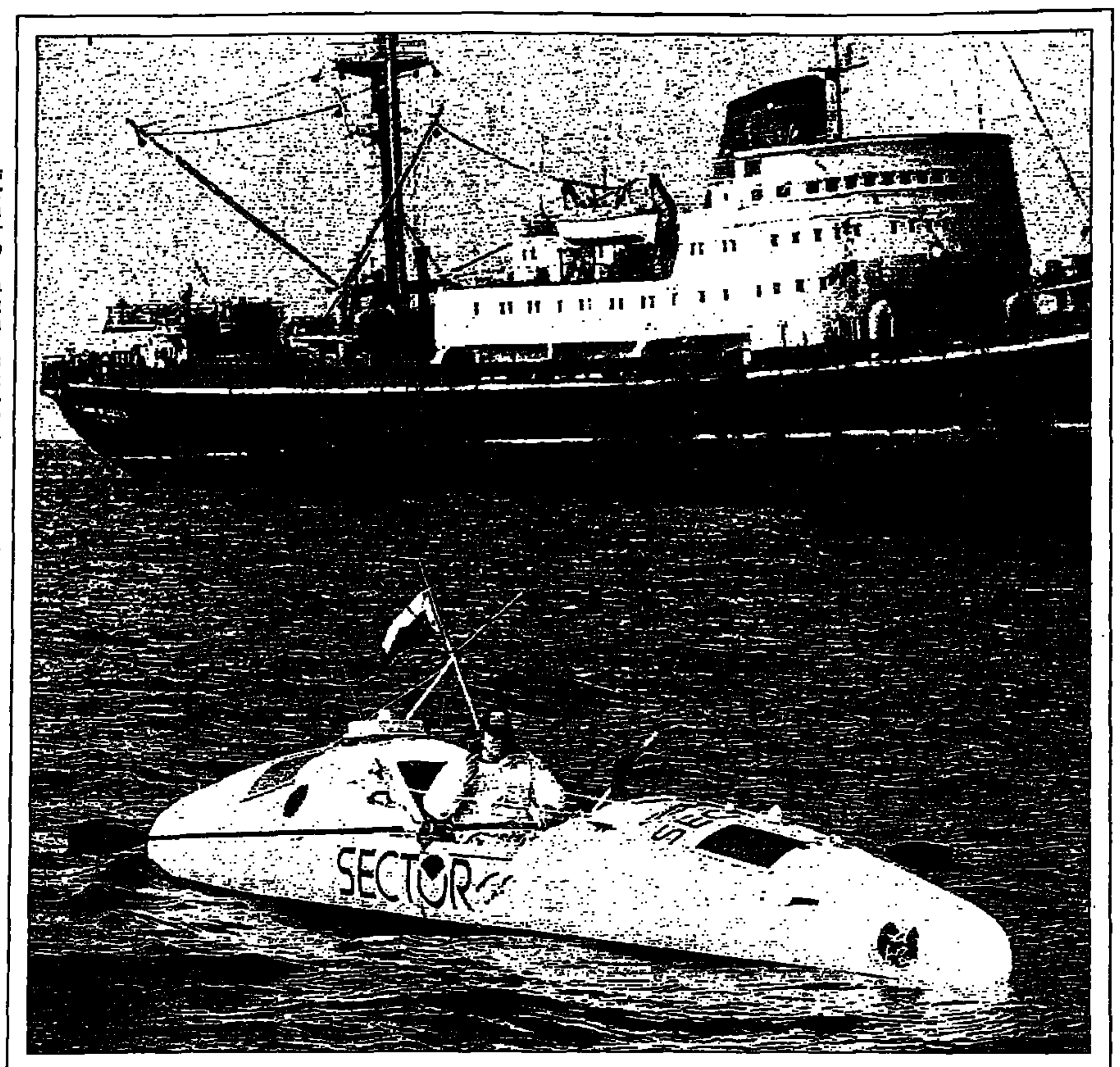
Recent wills include (net, before tax paid):
Mrs Blanche Audrey **Longford**, of Wigston, Leicestershire ... £665,021.
Mr Arthur Thomas **Pineless**, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey £950,231.
Mr Edward **Roberts**, of Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire ... £623,751.
Gladys **Rodgers**, of Quorn, Leicestershire ... £602,375.
Mrs Jean Amalie **Rothenberg**, of Bournemouth, Dorset ... £574,603.
Annie Gertrude **Scragg**, of Morda, Shropshire ... £602,272.
Katherine Phoebe Grace **Stonehill**, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey ... £1,713,074.
Mrs Virginia Margaret **Thesiger**, of London SW3 ... £675,486.
Mr Arthur **Watson**, of Deganwy, Gwynedd ... £887,379.
Joan Vida Muriel Saida **West**, of Ipswich, Suffolk ... £703,161.

Windsor Castle

The Precincts are open seven days a week. From April to September the opening hours are from 10.00am to 5.00pm and in October and November are 10.00am to 4.00pm.
The State Apartments are open seven days a week. The opening hours are from 10.30am to 5.00pm from April to October only.
Queen Mary's Dolls' House is open daily from 10.30am. Last admission from April to September is 4.30pm; October, November and February is 3.30pm; December and January is 2.30pm.
The exhibition of the Queen's presents and royal carriages is open from Monday to Saturday from 10.30am until 3.00pm.

Ministry of Defence

Senior appointments
Controller Aircraft
Sir Donald **Spiers** retires from the Civil Service in April 1994 and is to be succeeded by Air Marshal Sir Roger **Austin**, at present Deputy Chief of the Defence staff (Systems).
Deputy chief Scientific Adviser
Dr Geoffrey **Pope** retires from the Civil Service in April 1994 and is to be succeeded by Mr Peter **Ewins**, on promotion to Grade 2, from his present appointment as Managing Director (Operations) within the Defence Research Agency (DRA).
Managing Director (Operations) DRA
Mr John **Mabberley**, Director General of Avionics, Weapons and Information Systems, is to be Managing Director (Operations), DRA, vice Mr Peter Ewins, on level transfer as a Grade 3.
Director General of Avionics, Weapons & Information Systems
Mr Geoffrey **Beaven**, Deputy Controller (Nuclear), is to be Director General of Avionics, Weapons and Information Systems, vice Mr John Mabberley, on level transfer as a Grade 3.



Peter Bird, the British rower, who yesterday notched up his 100th day at sea in his attempt to row alone across the Pacific, continent to continent. He left Vladivostok on May 12 and expects to reach San Francisco in November (Adam Fresco writes).

If he succeeds he will become the first person to row alone across the Pacific. Since leaving Vladivostok he has been hindered by unfavourable winds and the Japanese earthquake which brought tidal waves crashing around his boat. Since reaching the Pacific a month ago, Mr Bird, 46, from east London, has rowed in two huge circles in his search for the Japanese current which will speed his progress. The Met Office came to his rescue earlier this week and suggested a position 40° NE.

For much of the time his only contact has been coded messages through his satellite system. This week he managed to rig up a makeshift antenna and called his ground crew who said he was still in high spirits.

"Every time I try to go forward, I get pushed back," he said. "I am so tired of looking at the chart and seeing the circles that I am not logging in my position any more." Ten years ago he spent 294 days rowing across the Pacific from Hawaii to the Great Barrier Reef, setting a record for the longest row.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. Brechin and Miss S.L. Wilson
Mr and Mrs Terry Wilson, of Winchester, Hampshire, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Louise, to Gordon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Derick Brechin, of Forfar, Angus.

Mr S.N. Brown and Miss A.C. Hodgkins
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Nigel Brown, of Verwood, Dorset, and Mrs Jill Butler, of Braintree, Essex, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Allan Hodgkins, of Walsall, West Midlands.

Mr D.C. Edwards and Miss M.K. Kurtz
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Harry Edwards, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire, and Melanie, daughter of Mr M. Kurtz, of Henderson, Nevada, USA, and Mrs L. Hunnicutt, of Valley, Nebraska, USA.

Mr A.R. Greig and Miss A. Mathews
The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Greig, of Kingston, Surrey, and Amanda, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Guy Mathews, of Little Birch, Hereford.

Mr C.E. Latham and Miss H. Taniguchi
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Latham, of Canonbury, London, and Hiromi, daughter of Mr Toru Taniguchi, of Sekigahara, Japan.

Captain P.J. Maine and Miss S.J. Alcock
The engagement is announced between Captain Paul John Maine, Royal Tank Regiment, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Maine, of Hove, East Sussex, and Sally, elder daughter of Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael and Lady Alcock, of Bray, Berkshire.

Mr S. Robertson and Miss T. Aldous
The engagement is announced between Stuart, eldest son of Mr G. Robertson, of Frinton, Essex and the late Mrs Robertson, and Tarnia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.V. Aldous, of Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Marriages

Dr R.J. Alcock and Mrs I. Clarkson
The marriage between Dr Robert Alcock and Mrs Ingrid Clarkson took place quietly in London on Friday, August 20, 1993, in the presence of Miss Gillian Horn and Mr Andrew McLennan.

Mr S.J. Swaffield and Miss M.M. Huckle
The marriage took place yesterday in Toronto, of Mr Stephen Swaffield, younger son of Sir James and Lady Swaffield, of Beckenham, Kent, to Miss Mary Huckle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jay Huckle, of Toronto.

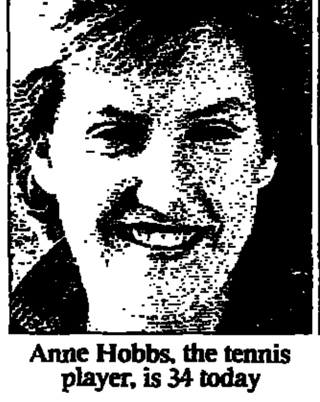
University news

The University of Hertfordshire has conferred professorships on:
Paul Kaye, head of its engineering research and development centre.
Dennis Brown, Reader in modern English literature.

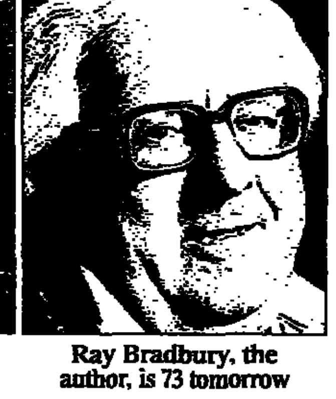
Weekend birthdays

Princess Margaret celebrates her birthday today.

TODAY: Dame Janet Baker, opera singer, 60; Mr Christopher Brasher, Olympic gold medallist and former race director, London Marathon, 65; Miss Diana Churchill, actress, 80; Lord Goodman, CH, 80; Sir Joshua Hassan, former Chief Minister of Gibraltar, 78; the Hon Gerald Lascelles, 69; Dr T.P. McLean, former director, Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, 63; Mr Barry Norman, broadcaster, 60; the Earl of Normanton, 48; Mr Kenny Rogers, country music singer, 52; Colonel J.I.M. Smail, newspaper proprietor, 72; Mr Sam Toy, former chairman, Ford Motor Company, 70; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Vickers, 65.
TOMORROW: Mr Dave Alderson, governor, Exeter Prison, 60; Mr P.H.B. Allsop, publisher, 69; Sir John Banham, former director-general, CBI, 53; Mr Marc Bohan, fashion designer, 67; Professor Sir Colin Buchanan, urban planner, 86; M Henri Cartier-Bresson, photographer, 85; Major-General Earl Cathcart, 74; Sir Richard Catling, former Commissioner of Kenyan Police, 81; Professor Sir Cyril Astley Clarke, geneticist, 86; Mr Steve Davis, snooker player, 36; Mr Somerset de Chair, former MP, 82; Judge Anne Downey, 57; Mr Max Hebditch, director, Museum of London, 56; Mr Donald MacLeary, ballet dancer, 56; Sir James Menter, former principal, Queen Mary College, 72; Sir Leo Pliatzky, civil servant, 74; General Norman Schwarzkopf, former Commander US Central Command, 59; Mr Karlheinz Stockhausen, composer and conductor, 65; Sir Anthony Tuke, former chairman, Barclays Bank, 73; Mr Mats Wilander, tennis player, 29.



Anne Hobbs, the tennis player, is 34 today



Ray Bradbury, the author, is 73 tomorrow

Church services tomorrow

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), O clap your hands (Greene), Rev Dr C A Lewis; 3.15 E, Responses (Byrd), Noble in B minor, Hail gladdening light (Wood); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev J H R de Sausmarez.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Sonata No 1 2nd movement (Stanford), Ireland in C, Locus iste (Bruckner), Alla marcia (Ireland), Canon Rex Chapman; 3 E, Responses (Smith), Walmisley in D minor, Beati quorum via (Stanford), Sonata No 1 3rd movement (Stanford); 6.30 NP, Mrs Joan Barham.
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, The Vice Provost; 11.15 Euch, Canon David Knight; 4 Baptism; 6 E, Responses (Said), Rev Jacqui Jones.
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany, St Erasmus Chapel; 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Milford), Te Deum (Stanford in B flat), Canon Christopher Biddell; 11.30 Choral Euch, Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow), Ave verum corpus (Elgar); 3.30 Organ Recital, Mario Duella; 6.30 E, Stanford in C, Rev K D N Kenrick.
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP, Gethsemane Chapel; 8 Communion, Lady Chapel; 10.30 Cathedral Euch, Jackson in G (Gloria), O come ye servants (Tye), Requests (Caesar); 3 German Lutherans, Chapel of Unity; 3 Polish Lutherans, Chapel of the Cross; 5.30 E, Sing we merrily (Batten), Responses (Smith), Murrill in E, The heavens are telling (Haydn).
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 M, Brieen in C, I was glad (Sowerby), Rev Thaele Mokhele; 11.30 HC, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), The Dean; 3.30 E, The St Paul's Service (Howells), Coventry Antiphon (Howells).
LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP, 10.30 S Euch, Darke in A minor, Beati quorum via (Stanford), The Provost; 4 EP.
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Tantum ergo (Duruflé), The Subdean; 11.15 M, Responses (Howells), Short Service (Howells), Rejoice in the Lord (att Redford), The Precentor; 3.45 E, Responses (Howells), Stanford in A, Verbum caro (Sheppard).
LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Bell Am Fetrit altera (Lassus), Make a joyful noise (Matthias), O for a closer walk (Stanford), Preb Selwyn Frost; 3.30 E, Responses (Drew), Bairstow in D, Blessed City (Bairstow).
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8 HC, Canon Norman Autton; 9 Parish Euch, Canon Norman Autton; 11 S Euch, Nicholson in C, Creed (Shaw), O come ye servants of the Lord (Tye), Rev M J Short; 12.15 HC, Lady Chapel; 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Neary), Walmisley in D, Lord I trust thee (Handel); 6.30 Parish E, Responses (Byrd), Rev S P Kirk.
TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M, The Treasurer; 10 S Euch, Ubi caritas (Duruflé), Messe Solonnelle (Vierne), Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), The Dean; 6 E, Responses (Little), Harwood in A flat, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), The Treasurer.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Rose), Collegium Regale (Howells), King of Glory (Candlyn), Canon Anthony Harvey; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Darke in A minor, The we adore (Near), O mysterium ineffabile (Lallouette), Rev Jonathan Goodall; 3 E, Responses (Leighton), Magdalene Service (Leighton), Save us O Lord (Bairstow), Canon Anthony Harvey; 5.45 Organ Recital, Peter Bennett; 6.30 ES, Rev Jonathan Goodall.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 Mass; 10.30 SM, Missa Assumpta est Maria (Palestrina); 10 MP; 2.30 Organ Recital, Adrian Gunning; 3.30 V & B in English.
YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Missa Secunda (Hassler), God so loved the world (Stainer), Ven Leslie Stanbridge; 11.30 Responses (Tallis), Te Deum in B flat (Stanford); 4 E, Stanford in B flat, I will lift up mine eyes (Sowerby), Ven Leslie Stanbridge.
ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass in G (Schubert), Hymne a la Vierge (Villette), Chancellor Walter Williams; 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Blair in B minor, Bring us O Lord (Harris).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 6 LM; 11.30 SM, Fr Jean-Marie Bamwabl.
ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 HC, The Minister; 10 HC, Assumpta est Maria (Palestrina), The Minister; 11.30 MS, Tu es Petrus (Palestrina), The Minister; 6 St Giles' at 6 Octagon vocal ensemble; 8 ES, Rev Dr J Philip Newell.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Responses (Sumsion); 10.30 M, Rev Michael Saward; 11.30 HC, Missa Aedis Christi (Mathias), Domine Jesu Christe (Ley); 3.15 E, Watson in E, Faire is the heaven (Harris), Canon John Sentamu.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung C; 11 Choral Euch, Darke in F, If ye love me (Tallis), The Provost; 6.30 Choral E, Harwood in A flat, Save us O Lord (Bairstow), Canon Jones.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Missa Sancti Joanni de Deo (Haydn), Ave Maria (Rachmaninov), Rev C A Jones; 6 E & B, Walmisley in D minor, Teach me O Lord (Byrd), Rev P McGeary.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 Communion; 11 Rev Dr John Stott; 6.30 Preb Richard Bewes.
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Mass for four voices (Byrd), When Mary thro' the garden went (Stanford), Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd).
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 11 M, Mr John Watherston, Trumpet Air (Reading); 6 E, A verse for the double organ (Blow).
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev Roger Dean.
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.
HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev Tom Farrell; 11 Informal Service, Mr Mark Elsdon-Dew; 6.30 Informal Service, Mr Richard Thorpe.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Messe solennelle de Ste Cecile (Gounod), Vidi Speciosam (Victoria), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Ego sum Panis vivus (Palestrina).
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Allan J Hughes.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev Dilwyn Banner.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Children's Aid International, Rev Theodore C Johns.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Rev A Winier; 6.30 E, Rev Michael Whawell.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Short Service (Byrd), Missa Brevis (Preston), Rev Rob Marshall, Soul of Christ (Davies); 6.30 Choral E, Jackson in G, Expectans expectavi (Wood), Rev Rob Marshall.
ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 MP, Boyce in C, Laudate Dominum (Mozart), Rev G B McAvoy.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev John H McIndoe.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Plainsong Mass.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Short Service (Batten), Almighty and Everlasting God (Gibbons), The Rector.
ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: Services resume September 6.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 10.30 MP & HC, Whitlock in G, Jesu the very thought of thee (Bairstow), Ven Timothy Raphael; 6.30 E, Locus iste (Bruckner), Rev Niall Weir.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family Communion; 11 S Euch, Merbecke, Rev Joe Humble.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 M, Responses (Smith), Benedicite (Purcell), Sing Joyfully (Mundy), Canon Colin Semper; 12.15 HC.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Cibavit eos (Byrd), Hymn after a song of wisdom (Stanford), Rev John Pridmore, Fugue in F (Bach); 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Responses (Ferial), Sonata III First movement (Mendelssohn), Rev Donald Lyon; 2.45 Chinese Service (EP), Rev Peter Kao; 5 Choral E, Responses (Ferial), Crown Imperial (Walton); 6.30 Family Service, Folk Tune (Whitlock), Rev Bernhard Schunemann.
ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Rev David Jones; 5.30 EP; 6 HC with Laying on of Hands.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass (Merbecke), Rev Richard McLaren.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Neil Dawson.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Missa super Frere Thibault (Lassus), Venite comedite (Byrd), Rev Fr Ashley Buck.
CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: Services resume September 5.
CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: Services resume October 3.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: Choral services resume September 12. Holy Communion will continue on Sundays at 8.30am.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 S Euch, Fr Christopher Lowe.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: Services resume October.
THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: Full Services resume October 3.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, O Lord increase my faith (Gibbons), Lord I flee to Thee (Mendelssohn), Rev Dr Victor Dobbin, Pomp & Circumstance No 5 (Elgar), The Grenadier Guards; 12 HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: Services resume September 12.

Weekend anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: St Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church, near Annecy, France, 1567; Jean Baptiste Greuze, painter, Macon, 1725; William Murdock, inventor, Auchinleck, Strathclyde, 1754; King William IV, reigned 1830-37, Buckingham Palace, 1765; August Bournonville, writer, Copenhagen, 1805; Charles Gerhardt, chemist, Strasbourg, 1816; Aubrey Beardsley, illustrator, Brighton, 1872; 'Count' Basie, jazz pianist, Red Bank, New Jersey, 1904.
DEATHS: Richard Crashaw, poet, Loreto, Italy, 1649; Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, writer, London, 1762; Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count von Rumford, founder of the Royal Institution, Auteuil, 1814; William Maginn, writer, Walton-on-Thames, 1842; Selwyn Image, painter, Holloway, 1930; Constant Lambert, composer, London, 1951; Sir Jacob Epstein, sculptor, London, 1959; Sobhuza II, King of Swaziland 1899-1982, Embo, 1982.
The Cadillac Motor Company was formed, Detroit, 1901.
British licensing laws allowing more flexible pub opening hours came into force, 1988.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Denis Papin, physicist, Blois, France, 1647; Comte Jean de La Pérouse, Pacific explorer, Albi, France, 1741; Henry Maudsley, inventor of the metal lathe, Woolwich, 1771; Thomas Tredgold, engineer, Brandon, Durham, 1788; Edward Pusey, theologian, leader of the Oxford Movement, Pusey, Berkshire, 1800; Samuel Langley, aeronautics pioneer, Roxbury, Massachusetts, 1834; John Forrest, 1st Baron Forrest of Bunbury, explorer and politician, Bunbury, Western Australia, 1847; Claude Debussy, composer, St Germain-en-Laye, 1862; Jacques Lipchitz, sculptor, Druskininkai, Lithuania, 1891; Percy George Herbert Fender, Surrey and England cricketer, London, 1892; Dorothy Parker, short story writer, poet, West End, New Jersey, 1893.
DEATHS: Richard III, reigned 1483-85, killed at the battle of Bosworth Field, 1485; Jan Kochanowski, poet, Lublin, Poland, 1584; George Lyttleton, 1st Baron Lyttleton, statesman, historian and poet, Hagley, Worcestershire, 1773; Jean-Honore Fragonard, painter, Paris, 1806; Warren Hastings, 1st Governor-General of India, Daylesford, Oxfordshire, 1818; Franz Joseph Gall, physiologist, Paris, 1828; George Shillibeer, pioneer of omnibuses, Brighton, 1866; Robert Cecil, 3rd Marquess of Salisbury, Prime Minister 1885-86, 1887-92, 1895-1900 and 1900-02, Hatfield House, Herfordshire, 1903; Michael Collins, Irish patriot and IRA leader, killed in an ambush, Beal-na-Blath, Cork, 1922; Sir Oliver Lodge, physicist, Lake, Wiltshire, 1940; Michel Fokine, ballet dancer and choreographer, New York, 1942; William Richard Morris, 1st Viscount Nuffield, motor car magnate and philanthropist, Huntercombe, Oxfordshire, 1963; Jomo Kenyatta, President of Kenya 1964-78, Mombasa, 1978.
United States annexed New Mexico, 1846.
French forces landed in Ireland, 1798.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Alan Bartlett, Curate, Holt Cross, Fenham: to be Curate, Newburn w particular responsibility for Throckley (Newcastle).
The Rev Malcolm Bull, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Peter and St Paul, Wymering: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), St Mary, Hayling Island (Portsmouth).
The Rev Ralph Goldenberg, Assistant Curate, Kinson (Salisbury): to be Assistant Curate, Edgware, in charge of St Andrew (London).
The Rev James Graham, Resident Minister, Market Drayton and Moreton Say, in plurality w Adderley: to be Rector, Hodnet w Weston under Redcastle and Peplow (Lichfield).
The Rev Christopher Sly, Rector, Wickham Bishops and Rural Dean of Witham (Chelmsford): to be *also* a non-Residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral.
The Rev William Wilson, Curate, All Saints', Wandsworth (Southwark): to be Associate Chaplain in Fontainebleau, France (Europe).
The Rev Ralph Williamson, Curate, St Andrew's, Southgate (London): to be Team Vicar, Ross Team Ministry (Hereford).

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BIRTHS

ANTHONY - On 17th August 1993 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Alexandra and Charles, a daughter, Augusta Daisy Maria, a sister for William.
BAILEY - On August 15th, to Michèle (née Thoden van Velzen) and Craig, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Margaret.
CRAWLEY - On 4th August, to Lucy (née Peppiatt) and Nick, a son, Harry, a brother for Seth.
CURRAN - On August 4th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Janice and David, a daughter, Lucia Sara, a sister for Lelah.
CURRIE - On July 19th, to Harriet (née Morton) and Andrew, a daughter, Amber Lola. With many thanks to maternity staff at St John and St Elizabeth, St John's Wood.
CUSSANS - On July 30th at St Thomas's Hospital, London, to Lucy (née Ostlere) and William, a daughter, Amelia Lucy Sinclair de Cusance.
DESCHAMPS - Born on August 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Fabienne and Philippe, Celine, a little sister to Matthieu, to our great joy.
GRAHAM-JONES - See MacGuire.
HAMILTON - On 10th August, to Sue (née Carver) and Roger, a lovely daughter, Elisabeth Joanna, a sister for James.
KANE - On 13th August, to Juliet (née Newport) and Michael, a daughter, Isabel Elizabeth Grace.
MacGUIRE - On 21st July, to Steven and Angela, a handsome son, Sebastian James, a brother for Hannah Grace. Thanks to all at UCH.
MACLEOD - On August 18th, to Susie (née Scaramanga) and Francis, a daughter, Iona, a sister for Araminta and Archie.
McMAHON - On 15th August 1993, to Nicola (née Garnett) and Brian, a daughter, Amy Jane Derry, a sister for Lauren Pamela Jane.
MEIKLE - On August 19th, to Clive and Vanessa (née Thompson), a daughter, Hannah Catherine.
MOGULL - On August 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Kerstin and Marc, a son, Alexander Erik, a brother to David Gustav.
PEARCE - On 16th August, to Caroline (née Counsell) and Jonathan, a son, Edward Thomas.
PORTAL - On August 17th, at home, to Jane and Matthew, a daughter, Rosemary Julia ("Rosie"), a sister for Clare and Peter.
ROGERS - On August 16th, to Shona (née Rees-Webbe) and Robin, a daughter, Lydia Joy Louise.
SWARBRICK - On Monday August 16th 1993, to Susie (née Elcomb) and Richard, a daughter, Catherine May.
TALBOT - On August 17th in Munich, to Margret (née Cameron) and David, a son, Sholto Richard John.

MARRIAGES

REDFERN:ELLIS - On August 14th at Canterbury, William David John Redfern, son of the late John Alan Redfern (formerly of Nottingham) and Mrs Barbara Holden of Harrogate, to Melanie Jane Ellis, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. North of Mansfield.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

POWLES:BRISTOL - On 21st August 1943, Andrew to Nora at St Augustine's, New Barnet, Herts., now in Cambridge.

DEATHS

DALLY - Eve (formerly Page-Roberts née Hewitt) peacefully on August 14th in her 98th year. Funeral private and no flowers at her request.
GEE - Nancy (née Osborne) aged 90, beloved wife of Rodney, peacefully at Cowlin House on August 19th after a happy family party. Funeral at Clifton College Chapel on Thursday August 26th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please. (Memorial Service in September).
LICHTENSTEIGER - On Wednesday 18th August in Bristol, Patrick 64, much adored and oft times berated husband of Tai (Patricia), son of Trudi, father of Kathryn Mary, Rosa Maxine and Anna Elizabeth, father-in-law to Robert and Roger and good mate to many, after a short bravely challenged battle with cancer. Humanist Funeral on Tuesday 24th August, 12 noon at Bristol South Crematorium. Flowers or donations to the Macmillan Nurse Appeal (Avon) to Arthur E Davey & Sons, Highdale, 82 Silver Street, Nailsea BS19 2DS.
PEPPER - On August 17th, John Edward in his 90th year, formerly of the Malayan Civil Service. Husband of the late Violet Irene, father of John and Jennifer.
SPEIGHT - Dr. Kathleen died peacefully on August 18th in The Evelyn Hospital, Cambridge, after a short illness. She will be greatly missed by all her relatives and friends who are deeply saddened by this loss. Funeral Service will be held in Trumpington Parish Church, Grantchester Road, Trumpington, Cambridge, at 12 o'clock on Wednesday 25th August. Burial private.
STEEN - Peacefully on August 19th, Patrick Swan M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.R.C.G.P., of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, formerly of Romford. Funeral Service at Ipswich Crematorium West Chapel on Wednesday August 25th at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Diabetes Educational Centre Fund c/o Tony Brown, The Funeral Parlour, Saxmundham, Suffolk.
VOORSPUY - On August 19th 1993, peacefully at Bexhill-on-Sea, Hendrik Jacobus, formerly of Folkington Polegate, Sussex, former Captain K.L.M., father of Rufus, Morven, Sorrel and Tristan and grandfather. Funeral service at Folkington Church on Friday August 27th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research c/o Mummery F/D, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex.
WADDELL - William Douglas (Royal Marines Rtd.) aged 69, on 19th August. Much loved husband of Jane and father of Christopher and Katie. Private family funeral. No flowers please. Donations in his memory to St Thomas' Lupus Trust, Rayne Institute, St Thomas' Hospital, London SE1.
WATTS-JONES - Patricia Anne (née Paddy Brayshaw) aged 64 years, peacefully on Wednesday 18th August 1993 at Bridport General Hospital. Late of Beaminster and Kingston-upon-Thames. Much loved mother of Mary and Glynn. Partner of Tony Clarke and grandmother of Thomas. The funeral service is to take place at St Stephen's Church, Winsham, near Chard, on Thursday 26th August 1993 at 12 noon followed by interment at Winsham Cemetery. Family flowers only please but donations in lieu if desired may be sent for Bridport General Hospital, General Amenities Fund c/o H Bishop & Sons Funeral Directors, Old Town, Chard.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

LENDRUM - Rev. James Herbert Reginald, Chaplain to the Forces, B.A., A.K.C., Curate of Apsley End, Herts. 1913-17, killed in action in France, August 22nd 1918, aged 31. "Parted in time, to be reunited when time shall be no more". Margaret, John and Colin, ten grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren. Also remembering our mother, Eleanor Mary, née Yates, (1980, aged 94) and Dad, Percy Calder Tomson (1958, aged 91).

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BONHAM CARTER - Charlotte Helen, remember Charlotte on her 100th Birthday tomorrow.

IN MEMORIAM-PRIVATE

PLANTAGENET, Richard - Remember before God, Richard III, King of England, and those who fell at Bosworth Field, having kept faith, 22nd August, 1485. "Loyaulté me Lie". Richard III Society, 4 Oakley Street, Chelsea, London SW3 5NN.

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PRICE HILDA CONSTANCE of Rembrandt Nursing Home, 24 Merton Road, Southsea, Portsmouth and Formerly of 24 Sylvia Gardens, Wembley, Middlesex died on 26th May 1993: Particulars to R Ormsby Taylor & Co. Solicitors of 311 Harrow Road, The Triangle, Wembley, Middx. HA9 6BD before 28th October 1993
The Earl St. Aldwyn of Williamstrip Park Coln St. Aldwyns Gloucestershire died on 29 January 1992: Particulars to Alexanders Easton Kinch Solicitors of 203 Temple Chambers Temple Avenue London EC4Y 0DB before 22nd October 1993.

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GEORGE GEDGE

George Gedge, CBE, director of manufacturing of the British Aircraft Corporation. 1971-76, after being previously closely involved with the early production of Concorde, died of Parkinson's disease in Bristol on August 13 aged 81. He was born on April 7, 1912.



GEORGE GEDGE had had 37 years of experience of aircraft manufacture, beginning with building a biplane flying boat in 1926, when, at 51, he was called to the greatest challenge of his career. This was to bring into production the world's fastest and most complex passenger aircraft — the BAC-Aérospatiale Concorde.

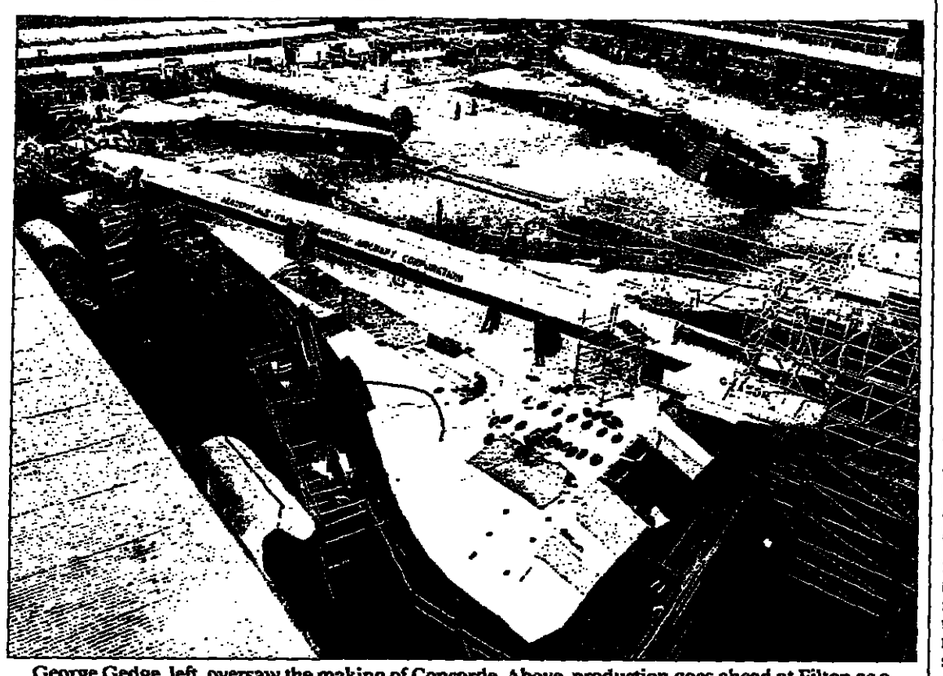
The daunting prospect of building an aircraft whose characteristics were on the very frontiers of technical knowledge was rendered doubly formidable by the problem of the two — politically required — assembly lines, one at Bristol and the other at Toulouse. This was quite apart from the difficulties of operating in two languages and the need to cope with the close involvement — some engineers might have said interference — of the two governments who were the project's paymasters. That Concorde appeared at all and proved a technical (though not, alas, a commercial) success, owed much, on the British side, to the skill, patience and resolution of Sir George Edwards's BAC team of which Gedge was such an important component.

Educated at St Paul's School, Rochester, George Thomas Gedge was apprenticed to Short Brothers seaplane works on the Medway in 1926. At that time, because of the dearth of aircraft orders, the company was being kept afloat by the design and assembly of coach bodies for the London General and Thomas Tilling omnibus fleets.

Gedge cut his aviation teeth on the building of the one and only 10-ton Short Singapore I twin-engined biplane flying-boat for the Air Ministry. This early example of a metal-hulled flying boat gained fame when it was lent by the Air Ministry to Sir Alan Cobham for a 23,000-mile survey flight round Africa. Its success led to an order from Imperial Airways for five 15-passenger Short Calcutta three-engined flying boats, two more for the French navy and six of a military variant — the Short Rangoon — for the RAF.

These advances led to the Short Empire flying boat, built as a long-range passenger plane for Imperial Airways; in those prewar days it was felt that the future of transcontinental air travel would depend on flying boats. More important, a call for a military version of the Empire resulted in the classic design of the wartime Short Sunderland, perhaps the most famous of all flying boats. *Das Fliegende Stachelschwein* (flying porcupine) — as frustrated *Luftwaffe* fighter pilots called it because of its impenetrable machinegun defences — played a crucial role in the Battle of the Atlantic, and 749 were built between 1937 and 1947.

George Gedge was involved in all these developments and, as works superintendent at Rochester, he also helped bring into RAF service the first of the new generation of four-engine bombers — the Short Stirling.



George Gedge, left, oversaw the making of Concorde. Above, production goes ahead at Filton as a Concorde is fitted with a Rolls-Royce Olympus 602 engine in 1972

When, in 1948, a new company, Short Brothers & Harland, was formed at Queen's Island, Belfast, under Rear-Admiral Sir Matthew Slattery as managing director, Gedge became production controller. Between them, Slattery and Gedge gained Admiralty contracts for the rehabilitation and modification of Seahawk, Scimitar and Sea Venom carrier-borne jet fighters, as well as important design and manufacture sub-contract work on 132 Canberra jet bombers.

Similarly successful work on the commercial and RAF versions of the Bristol Britannia turbo-prop transport — the "Whispering Giant" — prompted Sir Reginald Verdon-Smith to ask him, in 1961, to move to Bristol Aircraft at Filton. In 1963, when work began on plans for building Concorde, he was made general manager in charge of manufacturing.

On such a technically-advanced project as Concorde the problems were immense without the exacerbating factor of two production lines in two countries, each with its own learning curve — "an affront to sensible production" as Gedge described it.

Gedge brought important production innovations to bear — many of which have now become standard. In particular, his insistence upon "sculpture milling techniques" (carving the aeroplane structure out of the solid with "a lot less bent tin about it") saved a great deal of weight, reduced complexity and increased the accuracy of results.

Gedge became managing director BAC Filton (as Bristol had become) in 1967 and from 1971 to his retirement in 1976 was director of manufacturing of BAC as a whole. His work on Concorde had made a lasting contribution to the later production of advanced aircraft.

Gedge was appointed CBE in 1972. He is survived by his wife Betty, a son and a daughter.

TONY BARTON

Tony Barton, manager of Aston Villa when they won the European Cup in 1982, died from heart disease yesterday aged 56. He was born on April 8, 1937.



FEW football club managers can have enjoyed the instant success Tony Barton achieved upon being appointed manager of Aston Villa in April 1982. Less than two months later, Villa won the European Cup, the premier club competition, for the only time in their history.

Yet Barton, regarded by his peers as one of the most pleasant men in the sport, was soon to discover that the demands for success at one of the country's leading clubs were insatiable. Two years later he was sacked, and never again enjoyed such prominence.

Barton was a professional for 13 years. An aggressive outside right, he made 203 appearances for Fulham, Nottingham Forest and Portsmouth between 1954 and 1967, scoring 43 goals, and played alongside Ron Saunders in the Portsmouth side which won the third division title in 1962.

With his playing career finished he moved to Aston Villa as assistant to Saunders. When Villa, founder members of the Football League, won their first championship for 71 years in 1981, their partnership was regarded as likely to be one of the most successful in club football.

Nine months after securing the championship, Saunders resigned after a dispute with the Villa chairman, Ron Bendell, and Barton was appointed manager. Villa lost only three of their first nine matches under him, and after securing victories over Dynamo Kiev and RSC Anderlecht, Barton found himself leading the side out in the European Cup final against Bayern Munich in Rotterdam on May 26.

Villa's 1-0 victory prolonged a magnificent record in the competition by English clubs. But despite winning the European Super Cup, the team found success harder to achieve the following year, and Barton acknowledged that he would have to change his image: "You soon learn that to survive as a manager you have to be tough," he said.

By then, Doug Ellis had won a protracted boardroom battle to return to Villa as chairman, and when the club failed to make any impact on the 1983-84 season, Barton's job was under threat. On June 18, 1984, he was sacked.

Barton accepted a job as manager of Northampton Town, assembling a team which subsequently won promotion, before he suffered a heart attack. He was later briefly assistant manager at Southampton.

He is survived by his wife and three sons.

BRIGADIER BOBBY POPHAM

Brigadier Robert Home Stewart Popham, CBE, former City Marshal and Swordbearer for the Lord Mayor of London, died on August 1 aged 84. He was born on May 4, 1909.



BOBBY POPHAM quelled riots in Karachi, fought the Italians in Ethiopia and put down a mutiny in Singapore. He served in Burma, Libya, the Punjab and Sudan — in addition to Northern Ireland and West Germany. For 30 years he patrolled the frontiers of empire, at one time on his own in southern Sudan, 40 miles from the nearest radio or telephone.

Playing polo for his company in the Sudan, he once had the distinction of being arrested for swearing at his own commanding officer — and being marched off under escort to the guardroom.

Yet he ended his working life in the City of London, wearing buckled shoes, knee breeches and fur hat, playing a leading role in the pageantry of the capital.

Popham's ancestors might have been as proud of him as he was of them and of their various achievements. They included Sir John Popham, chief justice to Elizabeth I and James I, who had sentenced both Guy Fawkes and Walter Raleigh; as well as the swashbuckling Admiral Sir Home Popham, whose "Popham code" of signalling in the Royal Navy had been used by Nelson to transmit "England expects. . . ."

Popham's own father had commanded the Sherwood Foresters and won the DSO fighting the Boers — then crowned a colourful career by throwing a brother officer through a window.

Bobby Popham himself was born in Cork (his father's regiment was stationed there at the time) and was sent to Shrewsbury School before going on to Sandhurst. He was then commissioned into the Foresters, where he was somewhat overshadowed by his father's reputation.

His first posting was to Karachi where the second battalion was policing pro-Gandhi riots. From there he went to the Punjab, then to Bombay — as ADC to the local major-general.

His career then took an unfortunate downward turn. The new battalion commanding officer turned out to be the man whom Popham senior had once intemperately defenestrated and the incident had left its scars. He it was who had Popham arrested in mid-chukka (the battalion had by now shifted to Khartoum).

Although all charges against him were soon dropped, Popham's position in the regiment was uncomfortable. So, after returning to Britain, he volunteered for secondment to the Sudan Defence Force.

He was posted to the SDF's Equatorial Corps with whom he spent two adventurous years before being transferred to the newly mechanised Camel Corps. He spent the early part of the war fighting with his company in Ethiopia, in the campaign which led to the Italian surrender — but then moved with the corps to the western desert.

He left the SDF after the war and served with the South Staffordshires in Northern Ireland before being sent on the first postwar course at staff college. Next came a staff job in Burma, followed by another in Singapore. He was thus in the right place at the right time when, in 1948, a force of Sinhalese Pioneers mutinied. After they had burnt down their barracks and resisted all attempts to calm things down, Popham took command.

He sacked the Pioneer officers, took a firm personal grip on events and, after a tense, anxious time, restored order. This service was acknowledged by the military OBE.

After passing out with distinction from a course for senior officers, he was given command of the Sherwood Foresters' 1st Battalion, first in Germany then at Derna in Libya. Promoted brigadier, his final posting in the Army was in command of 167 City of London Brigade. His predecessor was Sir John Hunt, leader of the 1953 Everest expedition.

The contacts he made in the City no doubt helped him to secure, on retiring from the Army in 1959, the coveted position of City Marshal in the Lord Mayor's official household. Two years later he was promoted to Swordbearer — the most senior of the three aides in the Mansion House.

During his 13 years as Swordbearer, he accompanied the Lord Mayor round the world, travelling even more than he did while in the Army. Clothed in his official uniform which included a distinctive hat of Russian sable (he carried the Lord Mayor's spare cash in its crown), he was an incongruous sight in Arizona, when the old London Bridge was rebuilt there over 20 years ago.

None could have looked the part more than Bobby Popham, or performed it with more diligence or pride, something recognised by his appointment as CBE in 1975. Tall, broad and upright — both literally and metaphorically — he was always everything that a swordbearer should be.

His first wife died in 1949 after only seven years of marriage. He is survived by his second wife Liz, a son by his first marriage and a daughter by his second.

PIERO HELICZER

Piero Heliczer, poet, playwright, film-maker, actor, musician, painter and printer, died following a car crash in Normandy, on July 22 aged 56. He was born in Rome on June 20, 1937.

PIERO HELICZER was an example of a renaissance man *extraordinaire*: master of many arts (if not of trades); multilingual, tireless and adventuresome traveller; *avant-garde* impresario of wide-ranging scholarship and skills, with intense devotion to English and European renaissance literature, music and fine art.

Both his parents were Jewish, but while they worked for the Resistance in the early years of the war, Piero won a contest for the perfect Italian boy of four ("*il piccolo Pucci*"), and was made the child star of such propaganda films as the Venice prizewinning *Bengasi* (1941) and *Acque di Primavera* (co-starring Alida Valli, 1942). In 1944 his mother was shot in the knee, and his father killed, by the Gestapo.

In 1946 his mother took Piero to New York, where he rapidly learnt English, repeatedly got top grades in virtually every subject, and won a special scholarship from Forest Hills High School to Harvard at 16, to study Byzantine history and painting.

After nearly three years, he left Harvard abruptly without graduating, and spent 1956-57 between Rome, Paris, Massachusetts and Mexico, developing his various talents for writing, printing, singing, classical guitar and piano playing.

After buying a hand-press, he founded Dead Language publications in Paris in 1958, and for the next few years produced plays, readings, and a series of elegantly designed broadsheets and booklets on pastel-tinted, printshop off-cuts. They featured poetry by himself and his fellow expatriates Gregory Corso, Olivia de Haulleville and Angus MacLise.

These beginning writers had been inspired by the early US Beat poets' restoration of direct speech and experience to dispose their lines in breath units without scansion, rhyme or punctuation. But each of them was also concerned to replenish Elizabethan, baroque and classical springs as well.

The Dead Language editions came to the notice of Robert Graves who, strict formalist though he was, sensed in Heliczer's cadenced *vers libre* "a translation of poems from a foreign language I would like to understand". At the same time Michael Horovitz, just starting New Departures publications and road-shows in England, discovered in Heliczer's output a fellow-feeling for the necessity of raising lyric voices in the prosaic late 1950s' wilderness. In 1960 Heliczer joined Horovitz and his diverse young troupers for a pathfinding tour of performances in Oxford, London, Cambridge and Edinburgh.



Heliczer stayed mainly in London and Brighton (where he made his first film *The Autumn Feast*) until 1962. Then he returned to New York, acted in another of the first "underground" movies, Jack Smith's *Flaming Creatures*, and was soon shooting a sequence of his own 16mm films, in association with the newly-formed NY Film-makers Co-op, the emergent Velvet Underground rock band, and Andy Warhol's notorious Factory. Warhol acted in Heliczer's *Dirt* and *Joan of Arc*, and Heliczer in Warhol's *Couch* and *Screen Test*.

In his films, as in his versification, Heliczer pioneered multiple superimpositions, split-screen and surreal jump-cut effects — indeed, most of his 15 or so film-scripts were adapted from his poetry — which always abounded in sharply evocative visual images; "snow piled in a silver bowl"; "moon like a razor in an icy sky"; "the trees squeal with birds at the ends/dazzling white cloths of mist in the morning"; "two dogs/came up to me on the sward and started making love/as they ran off I noticed they had become/three dogs . . ."

From the late 1960s until his death Heliczer was more often based in Amsterdam or Normandy than in New York, and he gradually stopped making films. Some 20 years ago he settled in an idyllic cottage near Preaux du Perche, Orne, selling secondhand books in the local weekly market.

Most of Heliczer's little press books have long been collectors' items, notably *you could hear the snow dripping and falling into the deer's mouth* (1959), *i dreamt i shot arrows in my amazon bra* (1961), *the final battle of the marne* (1962), all from Dead Language; and *The Soap Opera* (Trigram Press, 1967). Apart from *Children of Albion* (Penguin, 1969) and *Little Caesar 9* (Los Angeles, 1979), Heliczer's poetry was not anthologised, and what was published amounts to barely 10 per cent of his writings. Although a few of these were uneven, it is a pity that his work should now be out of print.

Piero Heliczer's first marriage to Catherine Cowper (1961) was dissolved in 1976. He is survived by his Dutch wife (since 1982) Klauzien Bader, and by four sons and four daughters.

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MALVERN FESTIVAL

"THE BARRETTS OF WIMPOLE STREET"

(By Rudolf Besier)

Doctor Chambers	Aubrey Mallalieu
Elizabeth Barrett Moulton-Barrett	Gwen Pirangeon-Davies
Wilma	Eileen Beldon
Henrietta Moulton-Barrett	Marjorie Mars
Arabel Moulton-Barrett	Susan Richmond
Octavius Moulton-Barrett	Harry K. Barnes
Septimus Moulton-Barrett	R. B. Coleman
Alfred Moulton-Barrett	Hugh Money
Charles Moulton-Barrett	Leonard Bennett
Henry Moulton-Barrett	Douglas Quayle
George Moulton-Barrett	Anthony Marshall
Edward Moulton-Barrett	Cedric Hardwicke
Hella Hedley	Joan Barry
Robert Browning	Scott Sunderland

The Barretts of Wimpole Street is not by any means a flawless work of art. Mr. Barrett, a character of great importance, sometimes swerves uneasily towards self-caricature and has, as we shall show presently, a more serious fault: the unwieldy family often embarrasses the stage: the social background owes too much to twentieth-century fancies about "Victorianism"; the humour and the sentiment are now and then a little too easy. There, reluctantly given, is a summary of defects. Let them pass.

We see the Barrett family dominated by their father, with Elizabeth, sick and cloistered, in their midst. Browning is admitted, and instantly his vitality enters into the woman thought to be dying. In later scenes, we watch her recovery, the development of her love for Browing, her sister Henrietta's desperate struggle with Mr. Barrett, her own courageous flight. In Elizabeth's background are her brothers and sisters, all of them except Henrietta spineless to the edge of farce; and emerging from this background is the figure of Mr. Barrett, about whom the dramatist hs woven a very strange theory. Why did this man repress his family as he did? Why was he an enemy, not of ineligible suitors only, but of all suitors? Mr. Besier is not content with the answers of insensate pride, of stiff convention, of selfishness, of religious prejudice run amok. Mr. Barrett is drawn as a man tormented by a profound and insane sensuality. He drops into an ugly flirtation with his own niece, but wrests himself from it in time. Later, while pleading for his daughter's affection, he is betrayed into what is an incestuous impulse. Whether there is or is not biographical evidence in support of this need not trouble us. Mr. Besier is writing a play, not a biography, and may at a distance of 85 years claim imaginative licence. But in making Mr. Barrett a monster, he has done too much or too little. He cannot with safety thrust these motives of black tragedy upon a man portrayed, during the greater part of the piece, as one whom the audience is free to laugh at as a Victorian bum. Mr. Cedric Hardwicke does much to conceal this break in structure.

Let us return to the work's merits. There is a vital study of Henrietta to which Miss Marjorie Mars brings a brilliant performance. Browning himself may not be Browning in intellect, but he has the eagerness, the courage, the faith of a great character, and Mr. Scott Sunderland plays the part with strength and persuasive enthusiasm.

ON THIS DAY

August 21, 1930

Rudolf Besier's The Barretts of Wimpole Street was transferred to London where it ran for over 500 performances. The treatment of the character of the father, Edward Moulton-Barrett, was resented by some of his descendants who wrote to The Times in complaint.

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NEWS

Universities reject 195,000 pupils

■ The scramble for higher education places grew desperate as universities swiftly rejected thousands of candidates who narrowly missed their target A-level grades.

Within 24 hours of the publication of results, universities had turned down more than 195,000 applications — 25,000 more than at the same stage last year. The squeeze follows government funding cuts and a pass-rate rise.....Page 1

Starvation in the cruel Croat camps

■ Thousands of Bosnian Muslim civilians are being held in makeshift Croat detention camps near the city of Mostar, where overcrowding, malnourishment and physical abuse — sometimes leading to death — are routine.....Pages 1, 12

Solicitor guilty

A solicitor was found guilty of trying to rape a woman lawyer whom he had taken to a dance. Angus Diggle, 37, of Bolton, who had denied the charge, was granted bail until he is sentenced on September 17.....Pages 1, 3

Plane row

A new transatlantic row over state involvement in the aerospace industry was looming after intervention by President Clinton was reported to have secured a $6 billion order from Saudi Arabia for American planes.....Page 1

Murder arrest

Ronald Godfrey, 58, head of an office cleaning company, was under arrest in Oxford after the discovery of his mother-in-law, wife, and daughter, all beaten to death with a hammer. Pages 1, 3

BBC cuts

BBC staff are to be asked to cut £50 million from their expenditure in the next financial year by implementing a policy called Self Help.....Page 2

Home truth

Two of the most popular home improvements, a better garden or a new bathrpom, are unlikely to add to a property's value, the Halifax building society said.....Page 4

Treasure hope

Divers searching for the treasure ferry of King Charles I, which sank off Burntisland in the Firth of Forth in 1633, have found a wreck.....Page 9

Birthday present

Deng Xiaoping will celebrate his 89th birthday tomorrow with a *qunzhong yundong* from his comrades. This is a "mass movement", one of those party-directed campaigns that occasionally convulse China.....Page 10

Doctors' dilemma

Doctors in Philadelphia began an operation to separate Siamese twins, which will certainly kill one and has only the faintest hope of saving the other. They face the task of deciding which should be given a chance.....Page 11

With one bound he was alive again

■ Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Superman, fresh from the Krypton matrix regeneration chamber's healing baths, and restored to the good people of Metropolis. Much to the relief of DC Comics of New York who hope that his revival after 10 months, will sell 2,000,000 comics.....Page 11

ROBIN MAYES



John Major watching the [illegible]th Test with the New Zealand businessman, Sir Ron Brierley (centre), at the Oval. Pages 1, 36

BUSINESS

Markets: The FT-SE 100 slipped 7.9 to 3057.6 after a record breaking week. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 81.5 after a rise from $1.5055 to $1.5100 was countered by a fall from DM2.5443 to 2.5379.....Page 22

On the road: BSM Group, Britain's biggest driver training school, is coming to the stock market this autumn in a flotation valued at up to £50 million. The issue follows a difficult trading period that saw BSM slip to a pre-tax loss of £528,000.....Page 21

Toytown marriage: Barbie, the 34-year-old doll, is getting married in the $1 billion takeover by Mattel of Fisher Price.....Page 19

Lloyd's resignation: Stephen Merrett, the controversial deputy chairman of Lloyd's of London, has been forced to quit as chairman of Merrett Underwriting Agency Management, the Lloyd's managing agency.....Page 19

SPORT

Football: Rob Hughes assesses the tactical variations used by the likes of Tottenham Hotspurs' manager Ossie Ardiles which are gracing the new season and concludes that the mindless long-ball game has had its day.....Page 34

Golf: John Hopkins says there are two possible courses of action after Great Britain and Ireland's disastrous performance in the Walker Cup. The first is to analyse it to death. The second is to concede it was a real drubbing and have done with it.....Page 31

Triathlon: Stuart Jones interviews Simon Lessing, the world champion with his eyes already fixed on an Olympic Games still seven years away.....Page 32

Racing: Jockey Michael Tebbutt, one of the sport's supporting players, eclipsed a star cast when winning the Amazing Joseph Dream Mile on Lap Of Luxury at Sandown yesterday.....Page 33

WEEKEND

Animal magic: Libby Purves presents the best of more than 500 colour paintings and the winners and runners up in *The Times*/London Zoo competition.....Page 1

Prague pilgrimage: Michael Knipe returns to the city where 25 years ago he witnessed the Soviet "liberation" and finds the most beautiful of Europe's capitals now besieged by tourists.....Page 2

Gower's great duck: David Gower, in entertaining form, pads up to execute a favourite recipe... Page 4

Bank holiday special: Where to go and what to do — for singles and familes.....Page 7

Gardening: What to put in the borders during the "silly season" between high summer and autumn: the mulch mowers that feed as they weed as they cut.....Pages 7, 9

Talking T-shirts: Joe Joseph on the street fashions of downtown Tokyo.....Page 10

ARTS

Scottish trio: A huge trilogy called *A Scots Quair*, based on Lewis Grassic Gibbon's novels about working-class Scottish life, dominated the drama output in the first week of the Edinburgh Festival. "Humanity saves the plays from terminal earnestness," writes Benedict Nightingale. "Gibbon cared about his people, and, in spite of everything, makes us care about them too".....Weekend page 16

Doing the Reich thing: The high priest of American minimal music, Steve Reich, is in London for performances of *The Cave*, his three-hour multi-media piece about religious tensions in the Middle East.....Weekend page 16

Jelly babies: The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, a modern New Orleans street band, has recorded an album of tributes to Jelly Roll Morton. The interpretations of the old classics may not please the traditionalists.....Weekend page 16

TV LISTINGS

Comic book heroes are no longer men in tights: there are now all-conquering females. *Marvel Comics* (Today, Channel 4, 6.30 pm)

Melvyn Bragg with "the most successful clown in British cinema": *Norman Wisdom* (Tomorrow, ITV, 10.35 pm).....Pages 18, 19

OPINION

Taking the air

The government needs to clear the air over the countryside both metaphorically and actually.....Page 15

Dirty cargo

If there is no right to board ships, there is, also, no right to deal in chemical weapons.....Page 15

COLUMNS

RICHARD NORTH

BSE or "mad cow" disease has now affected over 100,000 cattle. This is explained as being due to a suspect protein, but the ministry concedes that 2,000 of the cattle never consumed this. Dr Mark Purdey has found that BSE too is remarkably similar to chronic organo-phosphorous poisoning thought by some to be implicated in a variety of complaints.....Page 14

SIMON JENKINS

A surrogate Bosnian war is being waged far from the Adriatic. It is about prestige and media manipulation, about bombers and no-fly zones, about sanctions and war crimes trials, about arms deals and UN self-esteem.....Page 14

LETTERS

The choice between income tax and value-added tax.....Page 15

THE PAPERS

Is the evacuation of Bosnian war wounded a sensible response to human suffering or a cynical stunt staged by Western governments to soothe their guilt over a tragedy they failed to prevent?

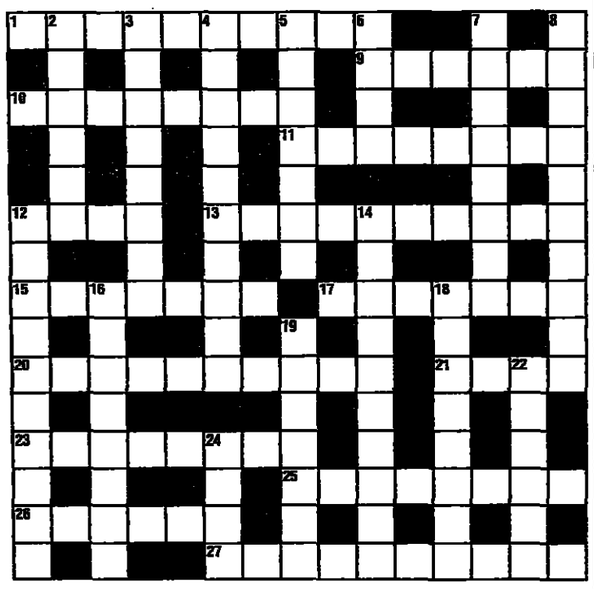
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ACROSS

1 Old timer's incentive? (10)
9 Attend a quiet conference, for example (6)
10 Suitably kitted out, England's opener made a reply (8)
11 Throw light on one row about a chimney (8)
12 Bananas going the wrong way take one's breath away (4)
13 Meeting work-unit in nunnery (10)
15 Stock procedure, to use channel to mill (7)
17 Call up when getting near to quarry .... (5-2)
20 ... cheerful call, but hopeless! (10)
21 Aromatic oil from northern Ardennes (4)
23 Term sees development of its American counterpart (8)
25 How writer endorses letters of introduction? (8)
26 Badgers making a sound we can hear (6)
27 Indecision apparent in Tahiti's one resort? (10)

DOWN

2 Bill left to settle (6)
3 One's having to take an external degree — what a bother! (8)
4 Way of following Times pieces across the country (5-5)
5 State of Cochise, for example, Apache leader (7)
6 Cheek sore? (4)
7 Semi-nude costume ball? (8)
8 Divine robin heard in ministry (10)
12 Cock-eyed bishop in mass trial freed (10)
14 Mark is one leaving set to be repaired (10)
16 Ground squirrel, playful imp in one piece (8)
18 He may know many words for heather on Scottish island (8)
19 Chronicles of girl stars (7)
22 Antonio's news centre? (6)
24 Exclamation of disapproval when shut out (4)

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,309

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,314

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We apologise for publishing the wrong solution to puzzle 19,313 yesterday. The correct version is given below.

Solution to Puzzle No 19,313

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WEATHER

Northern Scotland will have sunshine but also heavy showers. The rest of Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England will be mostly dry and bright. Wales and central and southwestern parts of England will be cloudy with hill and coastal fog and occasional rain. Southeast England and East Anglia will have some bright weather, but there will be showers later. Outlook: brighter showery weather spreading from the north.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	26	82	s	Malaga	31	88	s
Alcrotiri	29	84	s	Malta	33	91	s
Alex'dria	29	84	f	Melb'rne	14	57	f
Algiers	34	93	s	Mexico C*	21	70	f
Amst'dm	19	66	c	Miami*	34	93	f
Athens	31	88	s	Milan	30	86	s
Bahrain	41	106	s	Montreal*	25	77	f
Bangkok	31	88	c	Moscow	15	59	r
Barbados*	29	84	f	Munich	25	77	s
Barcelona	29	84	s	Nairobi	23	73	f
Beirut	29	84	f	Naples	31	88	s
Belgrade	28	82	s	N Delhi	35	95	s
Berlin	21	70	f	N York*	27	81	s
Biarritz	31	88	s	Nice	28	82	s
Borde'x	32	90	s	Oslo	18	64	f
Brussels	22	72	s	Paris	28	82	s
Budapst	27	81	s	Peking	25	79	f
B Aires*	20	68	s	Perth	19	66	s
Cairo	31	88	s	Prague	23	73	f
Cape Tn	16	61	f	Reykjavik	9	48	f
Chicago*	28	82	f	Rhodes	30	86	s
Ch'church	15	59	s	Rio de J	21	70	f
Cologne	24	75	c	Riyadh	43	109	s
C'phagn	17	63	r	Rome	29	84	s
Corfu	31	88	s	Salzburg	25	77	f
Dublin	18	64	f	S F'risco*	18	64	f
Dubrovnik	31	88	s	Santiago*	17	63	s
Faro	23	73	f	S Paulo*	19	66	f
Florence	26	95	s	Seoul	25	77	c
Frankfurt	28	79	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	25	77	f	Stkholm	18	64	f
Geneva	27	81	s	Strasb'rg	27	81	s
Gibraltar	27	81	s	Sydney	19	66	s
Helsinki	15	59	r	Tangier	25	77	f
Hong K	27	81	r	Tel Aviv	33	91	s
Innsbrck	26	79	s	Tenerife	27	81	s
Istanbul	27	81	s	Tokyo	31	88	s
Jeddah	36	102	s	Toronto*	27	81	f
Jo'burg*	21	70	s	Tunis	34	93	s
L Palmas	26	79	s	Valencia	31	88	s
Le Touet	20	68	s	Venc'ver*	20	68	s
Lisbon	26	79	s	Venice	29	84	s
Locarno	27	81	s	Vienna	25	77	s
L Angels*	22	72	f	Warsaw	17	63	s
Luxembg	24	75	s	Wash'ton*	29	84	f
Luxor	40	104	s	Wel'ngton	12	54	s
Madrid	37	99	s	Zurich	26	70	s
Majorca	31	88	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 25C (77F); min 6pm to 6am, 17C (63F). Humidity: 6pm, 50 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,020.2 millibars, falling 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 14C (57F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.09in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.1hr

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F), min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.7hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.8	-	19	66	sunny
Anglesey	0.6	-	17	63	cloudy
Ballard	2.5	-	18	64	bright
Birmingham	3.1	-	24	75	bright
Bognor Regis	7.2	-	22	72	bright
Bournemouth	6.9	-	23	73	bright
Bristol	3.9	-	23	73	sunny
Buxton	5.3	-	21	70	bright
Cardiff	3.3	-	21	70	bright
Clacton	7.0	-	21	70	bright
Cromer	3.6	-	24	75	bright
Eastbourne	10.6	-	21	70	sunny
Edinburgh	4.0	-	19	66	bright
Exmouth	8.3	-	21	70	sunny
Folkestone	11.8	-	22	72	sunny
Glasgow	3.3	-	17	63	bright
Guernsey	11.5	-	23	73	sunny
Hastings	9.9	-	21	70	sunny
Hunstanton	5.2	-	24	75	bright
Jersey	10.0	-	24	75	sunny
Kinloss	1.5	-	18	64	cloudy
Leeds	5.6	-	23	73	bright
Lerwick	2.5	0.02	14	57	cloudy
Littlehampton	8.0	-	21	70	sunny
Liverpool	1.9	-	20	68	cloudy
London	7.3	-	25	77	bright
Lowestoft	8.4	-	22	72	bright
Manchester	2.6	-	21	70	cloudy
Margate	10.3	-	23	73	sunny
Morecambe	1.4	-	19	66	cloudy
Newcastle	6.2	-	21	70	sunny
Newquay	7.7	-	20	68	sunny
Nottingham	3.3	-	23	73	bright
Penzance	9.2	-	23	73	sunny
Plymouth	8.1	-	20	68	sunny
Salcombe	9.3	-	22	72	sunny
Sandown	7.0	-	22	72	sunny
Scarborough	3.2	-	21	70	cloudy
Scilly Isles	9.2	-	20	68	sunny
Southend	6.1	-	23	73	bright
Southsea	7.0	-	23	73	bright
Teignmouth	8.3	-	24	75	sunny
Torquay	10.2	-	23	73	sunny
Weymouth	8.6	-	20	68	sunny

These are Thursday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.31	2.11
Austria Sch	18.95	17.45
Belgium Fr	56.46	52.06
Canada $	2.098	1.938
Cyprus Cypf	0.802	0.752
Denmark Kr	10.97	10.17
Finland Mrk	9.35	8.551
France Fr	9.34	8.64
Germany Dm	2.70	2.49
Greece Dr	371.60	348.60
Hong Kong $	12.31	11.31
Ireland Pt	1.13	1.05
Italy Lira	2495.79	2340.79
Japan Yen	175.15	165.65
Netherlands Gld	3.02	2.79
Norway Kr	11.58	10.78
Portugal Esc	250.00	268.50
South Africa Rd	5.85	4.85
Spain Pta	212.95	198.95
Sweden Kr	12.55	11.75
Switzerland Fr	2.37	2.19
Turkey Lira	17900.0	16900.0
USA $	1.503	1.473

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.41 pm to 5.26 am
Bristol 8.50 pm to 5.35 am
Edinburgh 9.05 pm to 5.28 am
Manchester 8.54 pm to 5.29 am
Penzance 8.59 pm to 5.50 am

TODAY

Sun rises 5.56 am — Sun sets 8.11 pm
Moon rises 11.03 am — Moon sets 9.20 pm

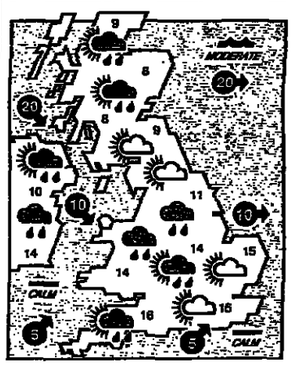
London 8.39 pm to 5.27 am
Bristol 8.48 pm to 5.37 am
Edinburgh 9.03 pm to 5.27 am
Manchester 8.52 pm to 5.30 am
Penzance 8.57 pm to 5.52 am

TOMORROW

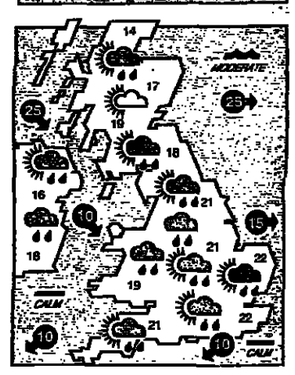
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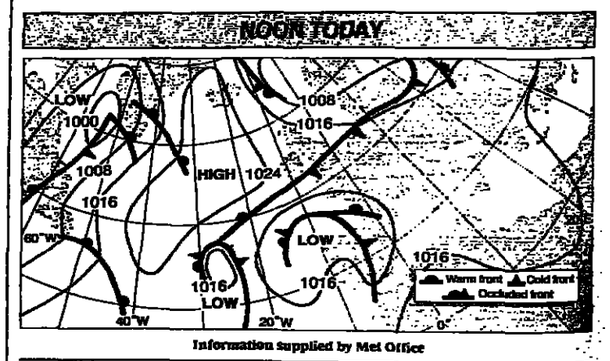
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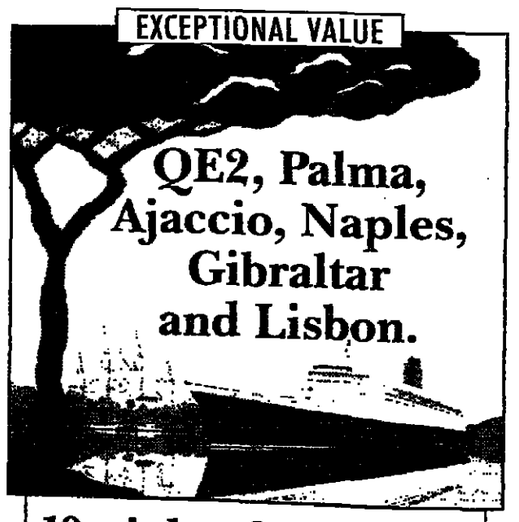


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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5100 (+0.0045)
German mark .... 2.5379 (-0.0064)
Exchange index ..... 81.5 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3057.6 (-7.9)
Dow Jones ... 3600.39 (-11.74)*
Nikkei Avge ... 20807.26 (-80.21)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 5 15/16-5 13/16%
US Federal Funds..... 2 7/16%*
3-month Treas Bills.. 2.98-2.96%*
Long Bond 6.23%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5110*	£:$	1.5120
$:DM	1.6800*	£:DM	2.5387
$:Swfr	1.4775*	£:Swfr	2.2358
$:Fr	5.8375*	£:Fr	8.8380
$:Yen	104.85*	£:Yen	158.95
£:SDR	1.0727	£:ECU	1.3161

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 370.35 ..... PM 373.25
Close 373.20-373.60
New York:
Comex 373.25-373.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 140.7 July (1.4%)
* Denotes midday trading price



BSM Group, Britain's biggest driver training organisation, is coming to the market in October with in a flotation worth up to £50 million. Paul Massey (right), chief executive, and Richard Glover, managing director, will use the proceeds to clear debt and expand Details, page 21

Saudi aircraft order 'goes to Americans'

By Ian Brodie and Ross Tieman

AFTER a personal appeal from President Clinton, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has decided to buy passenger jets worth $6 billion from Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, according to White House officials and an American senator.

The King was quoted as telling the president that the order resulted from American help during the Gulf War. The Saudi decision, if confirmed, would be a severe setback for Airbus Industrie, the European consortium, in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake. The consortium is trying to increase market share against the Americans in a world of declining orders. President Mitterrand of France has lobbied the Saudis on behalf of Airbus, which is headquartered in Toulouse, in the South of France.

Last night, however, Airbus appeared to be still confident of winning the contract, likely to be the biggest aircraft order for several years. A spokesman said the company was "waiting serenely to hear from the Saudis".

But Mr Clinton telephoned the king last Tuesday to help secure the sale, which is considered pivotal to reviving the fortunes of American commercial aircraft manufacturing. Both Boeing and McDonnell Douglas have laid off employees and cut production.

After Mr Clinton made his pitch for the American firms, according to American reports, the king replied: "We are certainly going to buy American. We are grateful for what the United States did in the Gulf war, and we like doing business with you." Word of the order came less than a week after the US Export-Import Bank approved a preliminary commitment of up to $6.2 billion in loan guarantees for the sale of American passenger jets to Saudi Arabia.

Neither Boeing nor McDonnell Douglas would confirm the deal. They said it was up to the customer to make the first announcement. The White House, however, confirmed the telephone conversation with the king. Senator Patty Murray, who represents Washington state, where Boeing has its headquarters, said Mr Clinton had called to tell her that Saudia, the national carrier, had decided to give the order to Boeing and McDonnell Douglas.

The orders are for up to 60 aircraft, with options for 20 more, including six Boeing 747s and a mix of medium- and short-range jets. Mrs Murray said she did not know how the order would be split, but Boeing was expected to get by far the greater share. Boeing has about 60 per cent of the world market for commercial aircraft, Airbus 35 per cent and McDonnell Douglas less than 5 per cent.

Airbus hopes were high because Saudi already operates 11 Airbus 300-600 aircraft. The remainder of its 80-strong fleet is largely of American origin, however.

The European consortium is a joint venture between British Aerospace, France's Aerospatiale, Deutsche Aerospace and CASA of Spain. To achieve efficiency while operating in several countries, the partners specialise in different parts of the planes. British Aerospace is responsible for design and construction of the wings.

These are flown to Toulouse for assembly into planes incorporating French cockpits, German fuselage sections and Spanish tailplanes. Some aircraft are also assembled in Hamburg, Germany.

In Britain alone, tens of thousands of jobs are reckoned to depend on the manufacture of parts for Airbus planes.

Exports outside Europe end recent strong performance

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

A SURPRISINGLY good export performance by British manufacturers, aided by sterling's devaluation since last September's departure from the European exchange-rate mechanism, seemed to run out of steam last month.

Britain's trade deficit with countries outside Europe — less than half of total trade and therefore only a partial guide to the balance of payments performance — widened last month to £778 million from June's revised shortfall of £599 million, according to figures from the Central Statistical Office. The June deficit was originally reported as £613 million.

The deterioration in the trade gap with non-EC countries last month, which was worse than the City had expected, followed four months when the shortfall had narrowed. June's exports had been at record levels.

Treasury officials said underlying trade trends remained favourable. The volume of exports to non-EC countries, excluding oil and erratic items, was 2.5 per cent higher in the three months to July than in the previous three months and exports were growing faster than imports.

A spokesman for the Confederation of British Industry said that Britain's export performance remained encouraging despite yesterday's figures, but acknowledged that most of Britain's trade is with EC countries and CBI surveys have suggested recently that weak European markets could be restraining overall growth in exports.

Such evidence from the CBI, coupled with this week's figures showing that car manufacturers are finding it increasingly difficult to export into depressed European car markets, suggests that the post-devaluation health of the trade performance may be starting to deteriorate.

Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International, said: "Imports remain stubbornly high and are likely to remain strong as consumer demand recovers, but there are now ominous indications of a poorer export performance. I think we could be near a turning point in the trade performance."

In July, exports fell by 1 per cent in value compared with June and imports rose by 2.4 per cent. However, the CSO said that, excluding erratic items, both imports and exports reached record levels.

Taking July's figures on their own, there does seem to have been a slowdown in export volumes while import volumes remain stubbornly high. Given the proximity to sterling's devaluation, volumes probably give a better guide to underlying performance than values.

☐ The extent of the economic slump in France became even clearer with a fall in first-quarter gross domestic product revised from 0.5 per cent to a fall of 0.7 per cent, according to INSEE, the national statistics institute. GDP fell 0.3 per cent in the final quarter of last year.

Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, said that he would hold a news conference next Wednesday at which he is expected to outline his policies for creating recovery in France.

The Bank of France left the rate at which it offers the banking system overnight funds unchanged at 8.25 per cent, confirming a policy of extremely gradual rate cuts.

Merrett agency chief quits

By Sarah Bagnall

STEPHEN Merrett, the controversial deputy chairman of Lloyd's of London, has been forced to quit as chairman of Merrett Underwriting Agency Management, the Lloyd's managing agency.

He bowed to pressure at a meeting with members' agents yesterday, at which they demanded changes to ensure their continued support for Merrett syndicates next year.

Mr Merrett also agreed to appoint two non-executive directors, a move he said that the Merrett board had already decided was necessary.

The eleventh-hour meeting, was convened by Mr Merrett, who will stand down in mid-October, the agreed deadline for finding a new chairman. It was attended by representatives from 60 members' agencies. The turnout reflected the level of concern among agents, which had led them to threaten to advise names against investing in Merrett syndicates for the 1994 underwriting year.

Members' agents also indicated that they were unlikely to include Merrett syndicates in the members' agents pooling arrangements, into which most of next year's capital is expected to be channelled.

In return for agreeing to the management changes, Mr Merrett has asked agents to confirm their level of support for 1994 by the end of next week. However, one agent said: "It is a chicken and egg situation. We cannot commit funds until he has restored confidence and he cannot restore confidence without our commitment."

Mr Merrett, who remains as chairman of the Merrett Group holding board, said: "I am absolutely convinced that our syndicates will continue trading."

At the meeting, the agents agreed to drop their demand for a further senior executive appointment to strengthen management control.

Agents have been invited to attend a meeting on August 31 to discuss the management agency's plans for 1994.

Barbie ready to dominate the world

From Philip Robinson in New York

BARBIE, the 34-year-old $1 billion doll, is poised to challenge GI Joe for dominance of the world's toy market. For Barbie, revenge will be sweet. The two were rivals two years ago when GI Joe's owner, Hasbro, bought Tonka Toys to consolidate its dominance of the industry. Hasbro, which owns, Scrabble, the board game had snatched the No 1 position from Barbie's creators Mattel in 1989 with the purchase of the Cabbage Patch dolls.

But the girl who has not aged a bit since she first appeared in 1959 is fighting to regain her crown as a member of the royal family of a $17 billion US toy market.

The challenge has been sparked by the $1.07 billion all-share takeover by Mattel of Fisher-Price, top in the tots market with chattering telephones, bubble-blowing saxophones, plush neon-coloured dinosaurs and, for the younger audience, baby rattles and potty seats.



Evergreen Barbie will challenge GI Joe for market share

Combined sales of the two will be close to Hasbro's $2.5 billion and give them an equal share of the US market of around 15 per cent.

But analysts say the deal does much more for Mattel. It will give it a wider spread of brands and lessen its dependence on Barbie, who accounts for almost half of its $2 billion sales and more than half of its pre-tax profits.

For Fisher-Price the deal ends 18 months as a public company. Quaker Oats sold it to the public after 20 years of ownership after the company made a disastrous attempt to sell children's camcorders and £200 mini-sports cars and sank into the red.

With job cuts and other cost savings, the group moved back into the black but in the first six months of this year net profits had fallen 57 per cent and sales were 5 per cent off. Barely was the ink dry on the figures when Mattel opened talks.

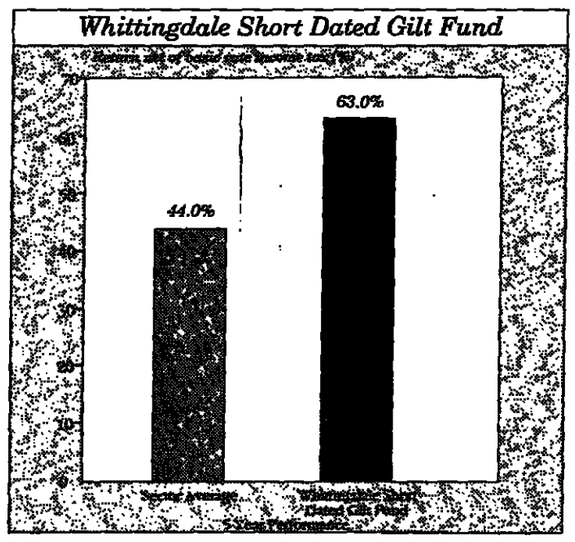
Mattel, with $600 million in cash, will start putting its international muscle behind the Fisher-Price brands. Half Mattel's sales come from outside the US from a network in 31 countries.

Mattel is paying a premium for Fisher-Price, whose share price jumped $7.25 on Wall Street last night to $31.125, slightly below the $32.25 per share paper offer.

Analysts reckon it is worth the price. Fisher-Price is ranked the most powerful player in the pre-school market after Lego.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: **Cedric Brown**

Career gasman takes a winning gamble

The chief executive who demanded an MMC enquiry into his own company feels vindicated, says **Susan Gilchrist**

Cedric Brown occupies the hottest corporate seat in Britain. British Gas, where he is chief executive, faces dismemberment of its domestic monopoly and enforced divestment of its trading operations if the government approves recommendations made this week by the monopolies commission. Mr Brown, a life-long British Gas man, could find himself presiding over the biggest corporate break-up ever seen in Britain.

Now 58, he started out as a laboratory assistant at the East Midlands Gas Board in 1952, after leaving school at 16, and has achieved an extraordinary rise up the corporate ladder. But does a man who has spent so much of his working life in the cosy culture of a nationalised monopoly, have the ability to steer British Gas through a period of profound change? There are many who believe he has. Peter Bryant, deputy chairman of Utilicorp, an independent gas company, says: "The most encouraging thing about Cedric is his willingness to focus on the future rather than be preoccupied with the past. Unlike some of his colleagues, who start every conversation with a lecture on the wonders of the gas system, he is more interested in where the company is going than where it came from."

> 'Unlike some of his colleagues, Cedric is more interested in the company's future than where it has come from'

Whereas his predecessors, Sir Denis Rooke and Robert Evans, now British Gas's chairman, seemed to believe the company could carry on in the old way, Mr Brown understood it had to change. Since his appointment as chief executive a year ago, he has overhauled management, cut tens of thousands of jobs, brought in outside consultants and voluntarily submitted the company to an MMC investigation.

Breaking with the past, he has tried to patch up relations with Sir James McKinnon, head of Ofgas, the regulatory body. Under Mr Evans's leadership, they had deteriorated into bitter public squabbling. As one City analyst says: "Evans failed to understand the regulatory threat and just went blindly on. Brown recognised the need for a new approach."

Mr Brown, a straight-talking Yorkshireman, says he has never been hindered by the narrow thinking and complacency that so often characterises those brought up in a monopoly culture. "If I look back over my career, I have always been the type who wanted to make things happen, who would look at things in a more commercial way," he says. As a junior engineer in the mid-1960s, he was the first person in the company to suggest using computers to analyse engineering problems.

His real awakening, however, came when he was put in charge of the Morecambe Bay gasfield, the company's first offshore project, in 1980. "That was a significant event for me," Mr Brown says. "I had to manage a billion pound project and build my own team from scratch. It was like running my own company." His views are echoed by a senior industry figure who knows him well. "Morecambe Bay exposed Cedric to commercial reality, to the cut and thrust of a world most British Gas people never encounter. It was a million miles away from the nine-to-five mentality of the rest of the organisation." Ironically, he turned down the job several times. "But then a colleague said to me, 'If you take that job and it turns out right, it will open doors for you.' I hadn't thought of it in those terms before."

JAMES MORGAN



Despite appearances, Cedric Brown is anything but laid-back. He has cut thousands of jobs and is preparing to dismember the company

By his own admission, he is highly ambitious, a trait instilled in him by the death of his father, a talented engineer, when he was only 17. "After that, I suddenly realised that if you worked hard and studied hard, you could get somewhere. It is that realisation which has kept taking me forward." He entered British Gas's training programme, qualified as an engineer and has not looked back since. "Every time I got somewhere, I wasn't satisfied, so I worked harder and got further up."

Hard graft, rather than strategic vision, has been the hallmark of Mr Brown's rise. "Cedric is not intellectual, but he is sensible and pragmatic," says one industry insider. That is to British Gas's advantage now. The fact that he is not weighed down by ideology enables him to embrace the need for change.

David Stirzaker, who negotiates with him on behalf of 32,000 gas workers in Unison, the public sector union, confirms this. A meeting with British Gas the day after the MMC announcement left Mr Stirzaker confident that the group would respond creatively to the recommendations. Mr Brown, he says, "has got the flexibility to have other strategies up his sleeve".

That is not to say he cannot behave in classic British Gas style. He employed some old-fashioned scare tactics in the propaganda war this week, with warnings of job losses, higher fuel bills and cuts in investment. "Cedric is extremely affable," an insider says, "but he also has a hard streak in him. He would not have got to where he is without it."

He has consciously tried to develop a political sense, which he feels is vital for the job. But he admits that he has failed to heal the rift with Ofgas. "I do feel somehow it should have been better," he says. "I didn't expect it to be easy, in that kind of relationship there are bound to be tensions. But we have never got to the stage where we could sit down and talk in a constructive way." The man who had said he would "build bridges" with the regulator found himself destroying them instead, as acrimony replaced co-operation in the run-up to publication of the MMC's proposals. "I am annoyed with myself, but the chemistry just didn't seem to work."

Regular lunchtime meetings between Mr Brown and Sir James – unheard of in Mr Evans's day – stopped abruptly in March after Ofgas's recommendation that British Gas should be broken up into 17 separately quoted companies.

The MMC has not gone that far, but its proposals are still considered radical by many in the industry. Nevertheless, Mr Brown believes the outcome justifies his gamble of asking for a thorough review. "A year ago, you couldn't see ahead with any clarity beyond a few months. We had had a series of piecemeal regulatory changes and Ofgas were going to refer us to the MMC on two narrow issues anyway. We now have a framework for the next ten years and we have retained transportation, which is the heart of the business."

While the broader picture is clearer, the detail has yet to be thrashed out. At this critical stage, Mr Brown is keen to stay on as chief executive rather than assume the chairmanship when Robert Evans steps down in the next year. He also believes the group needs an outside chairman to boost its standing in the City and Whitehall.

Such an appointment would be welcomed by many who believe that Mr Brown's crusade of cultural change could be thwarted by the old guard. "While he is surrounded by a team who want to carry on in the same way, he will not be able to function," says an industry source. "It is like asking Michael Atherton to transform the England cricket team when Ted Dexter is still there."

As a Yorkshireman and cricket fan, Cedric Brown might appreciate that analogy.

Homes chiefs 'fully in picture', jury told

BY A CORRESPONDENT

THE directors of a firm accused of fraudulent trading were put "fully in the picture" about the company's financial difficulties nine months before it collapsed, a court heard yesterday. Judge John Rogers, QC, said the Homes Assured Corporation's accountant had warned those in charge of the problems.

The judge, summing-up at the end of the trial, told the Southwark Crown Court jury hearing the case in a Chancery Lane annexe of the Central Criminal Court, that Douglas Dunkley had said in November, 1988, that "unless someone produced a lot of money then we were in fact insolvent". But when he brought his fears to the attention of Anthony Dobson, who set up the short-lived venture to help council house tenants buy their own homes, he was told the directors were confident funds were on their way and that it would be safe to continue trading.

But, the judge said, Mr Dunkley was proved to be "dead right" and Homes Assured went "from bad to worse".

Mr Dobson, 60, of Glebe Place, Chelsea, south west London; Michael Robinson, 42, of Edith Terrace, Fulham, south west London; and Keith Woodward, 56, of Blake Hall Road, Wanstead, east London, deny a joint charge of fraudulent trading between November 1988 and August 1989.

Mr Dobson has also pleaded not guilty to two charges of procuring the execution of a valuable security by deception, and Mr Woodward to one charge of furnishing false information.

Adjourning the trial until Monday, the judge said he would conclude his summing-up before asking the jury to retire to consider their verdicts.

GEC Alsthom beats Siemens to $2.4bn Korean order

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

GEC Alsthom forged ahead of Siemens, its arch rival, in the race to become world leader in high-speed train technology yesterday, after being selected to build a $2.4 billion link in Korea.

The deal comes days after the Anglo-French group was beaten to a key £880 million Deutsche Bundesbahn contract by Siemens and AEG, part of Daimler-Benz.

In a straight run-off against its German rival and a Japanese consortium in a neutral market, GEC Alsthom reinforced its standing as the only high-speed train maker to sell a system outside its home market.

Under the outline deal, GEC Alsthom will build a 411 km line between Seoul and Pusan, connecting the cities of Cheonan, Daejean, Daegu and Kyeongu. The line will be equipped with 46 train sets running at up to 300 km/h.

Half of the rolling stock will be assembled in Korea. The rest will be built in France. Signalling, worth some £22 million, is expected to be sourced from GEC Alsthom's plant at Borehamwood, Hertfordshire.

The order is the largest won by GEC Alsthom since it was formed by a 50-50 merger of the transport and power engineering interests of GEC, Britain, and Alcatel Alsthom, France.

Douglas Gadd, chairman of GEC Alsthom in the UK, said the timing of rolling stock deliveries — the Korean service is scheduled to commence in 1999 — would help ensure continuity of work at the Belfort locomotive plant in Alsace and the wagon works at La Rochelle, on the west coast of France.

But more important, he said, it confirms GEC Alsthom's TGV as the world's leading high-speed train system. "The TGV has been running for 12 years and has been evolved progressively," Mr Gadd said. "It was an excellent train to start with and it has now been refined through a series of projects."

Eurostar has ordered TGV trains, now under construction in France and at GEC Alsthom's Metro Cammell works in Birmingham, to operate passenger services through the Channel tunnel.

Success in Korea is expected to put GEC Alsthom in pole position for other Asian railway projects, helping the group cash in on the fast economic growth in that region.

But the battle for supremacy is not over. GEC Alsthom has been selected for a design study of a high speed train project in Texas. But Siemens' trains are now being tested in the United States by Amtrak, the American railway operator, and rivalry between the European groups and their Japanese competitors remains intense.

Nearer home, GEC Alsthom remains a strong challenger for conventional railway contracts.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Costs force CPC to shed 345 jobs in Scotland

CPC, the British branch of America's CPC International food group, said it was shedding up to 345 jobs at its Scottish plant, at Paisley, near Glasgow, with production of its Knorr packet soups and stock cubes transferring to more modern factories near Strasbourg and in northern Italy. Paisley will continue operating with about 100 workers producing mayonnaise. CPC said the reason for the transfer was that production costs were too high in Paisley, compared with the group's plants elsewhere in Europe.

News of the job cuts coincided with an announcement by Motorola that it was investing £50 million in its East Kilbride plant, near Glasgow, creating 180 jobs.

GE to cut 4,000 jobs

GENERAL Electric's jet engine division last night said it would axe a further 4,000 jobs because customers for its commercial and military engines had lost $20 billion worldwide in the past three years. The latest figures, representing the largest single cutback in the workforce announced so far, bring total reductions in staff numbers at the group — which is a competitor of Rolls-Royce — to 10,250 over the past two years. A spokesman for GE Aircraft Engines announced that most of these cuts will be made among salaried staff and the process would be completed by the end of this year.

Group 'grew too fast'

HARTSTONE Group, the leathergoods maker, expanded too rapidly and without adequate financial resources, Shaun Dowling, the chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday. On current trading, he said sales and operating profits were below budget in the first quarter but ahead of last year's. Hartstone's business was being managed a "great more tightly", he continued, while orders for the key autumn season were encouraging. David Gratton, former finance director, confirmed his resignation from the board yesterday.

Raglan slumps further

LOSSES deepened at Raglan Property Trust, which has undergone a significant capital restructuring, in the year to end-March. Pre-tax losses slumped further to £2.4 million, against £1.6 million the previous year. Losses per share amounted to 1.4p (LPS 0.9p). There is no dividend (nil). Raglan said the group was now on a better financial footing following the capital restructuring in April, as part of which £7 million of new equity was raised from shareholders, and the group's main creditors converted £3 million of debt into additional equity.

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German car wars 'can be settled'

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

GÜNTER Rexrodt, the German economics minister, met Ferdinand Piech, the Volkswagen managing board chairman, yesterday, and said he was confident the dispute between VW and General Motors could be defused.

Herr Rexrodt said: "I have had the impression in the last three weeks that both sides are of the view that they have to go about this in a different way. I am hopeful that the tone and the language will soon change."

He said he expected to succeed in convincing both sides of the need to be more restrained in their public comments in the war of words between VW, Europe's biggest carmaker, and Adam Opel, the GM subsidiary, over Opel's allegations of industrial espionage. José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, the VW production chief, moved, with a group of colleagues, from GM to VW in March. Opel alleges that they took industrial secrets with them.

On Tuesday evening, Herr Rexrodt met David Herman, the Opel chairman, for similar talks and an economics ministry spokesman said the minister planned to maintain contact with Opel. The economics ministry has said that Herr Rexrodt does not want to act as mediator.



Rexrodt: confident

Dispute looms over Medway port sale

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A POLITICAL row is looming over the prospect of a company in which the government is the biggest shareholder taking over the Port of Medway. The former trust port was sold to managers only 17 months ago for £29.7 million, of which £13.2 million went to the Treasury.

Mersey Docks and Harbour Company, in which the government holds a 20.67 per cent stake, confirmed yesterday that it was in talks with a view to a takeover. Medway is in line to make about £10 million pre-tax in the current year, and is expected to fetch around £100 million.

Joan Walley, Labour's transport spokesman, said this "bizarre development shows that the government's ideological addiction to privatisation is spinning out of control".

Medway was among five ports operating under trust company rules that took advantage of legislation enabling them to become limited companies. The port, located at Sheerness, Kent, was acquired in March by a management team headed by Peter Vincent, chief executive. That part of the proceeds that did not go to the Treasury was returned to the new company.

Mersey Docks, which runs the port of Liverpool and interests ranging from shipping to security services, has enjoyed three years of rising profits, thanks in part to the government's abolition of the dock labour scheme.

In the year to December 31, 1992, the company, quoted on the stock exchange, made £16.4 million on turnover of £86.4 million. The government's shareholding is the legacy of a publicly funded rescue when the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board collapsed 22 years ago.

In a joint statement with Mersey Docks, Medway said it had decided to suspend flotation plans and "explore the possibility of becoming part of a larger quoted port group". Mersey had been selected for exclusive discussions after a number of approaches, the companies said.

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Bristol & West interims doubled

By Sarah Bagnall

FURTHER evidence that building society customers are suffering as societies increase margins to benefit profits emerged yesterday. The Bristol & West Building Society, the UK's tenth largest society in asset terms, revealed more than doubled interim pre-tax profits of £20.4 million.

Last week the Woolwich, the third largest society, unveiled pre-tax profits of £88 million, up from £36 million.

Bristol & West achieved a 114 per cent rise in profits for the first six months of 1993 in spite of a further provision of £33.1 million against mortgage arrears.

However, for the second successive year, the society has restated its prior year figures. Last year's comparable figures have been restated because of the FRS3 accounting standard, without which profits would have risen 55 per cent.

The £33.1 million bad debt provision, which compares with £29.7 million last time, reflects the high level of mortgage arrears on loans made between the second half of 1989 and 1991. The level of residential mortgage arrears fell by 19 per cent in the first six months of the year.

Tony FitzSimons, chief executive, said: "We are making steady progress in bringing down the level of arrears. This rate of progress has been maintained since the half year, and we are on track for a continuing and steady reduction in the level of arrears outstanding during the second half of the year."

He added that the results were particularly good news, considering the continued tough market conditions. He said that although there were signs that the housing market was recovering, this had not affected prices significantly.

Bristol & West is now in the final stages of reaching an agreement to sell about two thirds of its 160 estate agency branches.

Cadbury gets more of a taste for US drinks company

■ **Cadbury-Schweppes and Dr Pepper/Seven-Up, the third largest player after Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, are exploring further ways of working together**

By Susan Gilchrist

CADBURY Schweppes is paying $231.3 million to increase its stake in Dr Pepper/Seven-Up in a move that could ultimately lead to a full takeover of the American soft drinks manufacturer.

David Jinks, Cadbury's finance director, said: "Initially, we see this as an excellent investment opportunity in its own right. What will happen further down the line, I would not like to speculate."

Meanwhile, he said that Cadbury, which is chaired by Dominic Cadbury, had secured a bigger foothold in the $47 billion American soft drinks market. Dr Pepper/Seven-Up holds a 10.6 per cent share of the market compared with Cadbury's current 3.4 per cent.

The latest purchase of 12.2 million shares from Prudential Insurance of America, equivalent to 20.2 per cent of the company, brings Cadbury's holding to 25.9 per cent. The purchase price, which represents a 9.4 per cent premium on the market price, will be funded by medium-term debt.

Mr Jinks insisted that the deal would place little strain on the group's financial resources. He forecast a rise in gearing from 33 to 43 per cent.

Dr Pepper/Seven-Up, which is the third largest player after Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, made operating profit of $160.6 million in the year to December 31, 1992, on sales of $658.7 million.

However, extraordinary charges relating to two aborted attempts to float the company led to a net loss of $8.4 million. It finally came to the market in February at $14 a share. The chairmen of the two companies have held preliminary discussions on the terms of a standstill agreement and other ways in which they can work together to develop their respective businesses.

Dr Pepper/Seven-Up already makes soft drink concentrates for Cadbury in America and distributes some of its products. However, Cadbury is interested in taking on the distribution of Dr Pepper brand elsewhere. It does not have the option to take on Seven-Up, as the brand is owned by PepsiCo outside of America.

The deal surprised many in the City, who had been expecting Cadbury to move on United Biscuits. UB's share price fell 8p after the announcement.

However, analysts broadly welcomed the move. Michael Landymore, of Henderson Crosthwaite, said: "It looks like a good deal. Cadbury hasn't paid a ludicrous premium, it has a bigger hold in the American market, and it has not stretched itself financially."

☐ Prudential Insurance Co of America said that it was on the verge of selling most of its foreclosed commercial property portfolio, valued between $500 million and $700 million.

The company said that it had hired Morgan Stanley as its adviser on the deal, which will include selling a variety of office buildings, retail properties, and industrial distribution facilities.

A spokesman said that potential buyers seemed to be in the market. "We know there is some appetite."

It originally wrote the mortgages on the properties, and foreclosed on most of them over the past five or six years.



Dominic Cadbury, chairman of Cadbury, which is taking a bigger hold on soft drinks market

Fed intervention to prop up dollar surprises dealers

From Wolfgang Münchau in Washington

FOREIGN exchange dealers on Wall Street were reeling after one of the strangest market days in years, when they were outfoxed by the US Treasury and the Federal Reserve, which on Thursday intervened to prop up the dollar — when bad trade figures suggested the opposite.

The rally took the dollar up 4.4 yen to almost Y106 on Thursday night, but, in early New York trading, it eased back to Y104.8. Financial analysts proffered explanations as to what had happened and as to why many currency dealers had lost money in the process.

The most commonly heard reason was that of a goodwill gesture by President Clinton towards Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese prime minister, combined with a thinly disguised request for a substantial Japanese economic stimulus package and efforts to deregulate the economy, which the administration hopes would benefit American exporters.

The roller-coaster ride on the foreign exchange markets began on Thursday, with massive Fed open market intervention in support of the dollar. This was cemented by a comment from Larry Summers, under secretary in the Treasury department, who said that a strong yen could destabilise the Japanese economy and was not, therefore, in the US interest. To add insult to the market's injury, both happened on the day the commerce department announced a 44 per cent rise in the June merchandise trade deficit to $12.06 billion, the largest monthly figure in six years, which the market would normally have taken as a signal to sell dollars.

Hirohisa Fujii, Japan's finance minister, denied that there had been a secret agreement between the two countries, but analysts still suggest that America's conciliatory approach on macroeconomic policy would come in useful at trade talks with Japan.

The administration appears to have shifted the emphasis to the need to stimulate economic growth in America's main export markets, especially Japan. With trade agreements that could significantly increase America's share of Japan's protectionist public procurement markets, the combined effect on American exports could be significant.

John Williamson, an international economist at the Institute for International Economics in Washington, cautioned against speculation that the US was now pursuing a strong-dollar policy. He said that the dollar may trade in the Y100 to Y120 range, but dismissed speculation as "folly" that the dollar could rise towards the levels prevailing at the start of the year, when it traded above Y120, since this would almost certainly have a significant impact on the trading balance.

Changes help Jourdan to press down on losses



Business ties: Keith Whitten and the press liked on Wall Street

By Martin Flanagan

SMARTLY dressed City types on Wall Street have discovered the tie press, a spin-off from the Corby trouser press made by Britain's Thomas Jourdan, the consumer goods company.

Yesterday, the company said it had reduced interim pre-tax losses to £465,000 from £874,000 last time.

Keith Whitten, chairman, said the better performance had been driven by structural changes, as there had been only a patchy upturn in trading. He said Jourdan was not expecting any material improvement in demand in the near future.

In the past five years, the company has closed three of its nine factories, and cut its workforce from 700 to 400. Mr Whitten said: "I'm happy with the shape of the group now. If any trading recovery comes, that will be a bonus."

Jourdan had static sales of £8.9 million, although, traditionally, two-thirds of sales and profits come in the second half. Mr Whitten said he hoped the group would return to the black for the full year for the first time in three years.

He said he wanted to reduce the company's dependence on the UK — currently 80 per cent of sales — to about 66 per cent.

The interim dividend has been held at 0.5p, while losses per share have come back to 2.59p (4.86p loss).

BSM steers towards flotation

By Jon Ashworth

BSM Group, Britain's biggest driver training school, is coming to the stock market in a flotation valued at up to £50 million. The issue, due in mid-October, will allow investors to buy a slice of a household name with branches from Aberdeen to Plymouth.

However, it follows a difficult trading period that saw BSM slip to a pre-tax loss of £528,000 (£810,000 profit) in the year to December on unchanged turnover of £21 million. The number of students tanght each year has fallen from 150,000 to 120,000 since the recession began.

The issue may herald a sizable windfall for Paul Massey, group chief executive, who led a £32 million management buyout in 1990. Mr Massey and Richard Glover, managing director, together own 5 per cent of BSM shares.

The two highest paid directors earn £112,000 and between £95,000-£100,000 respectively, according to the accounts, although the company will not confirm their identities.

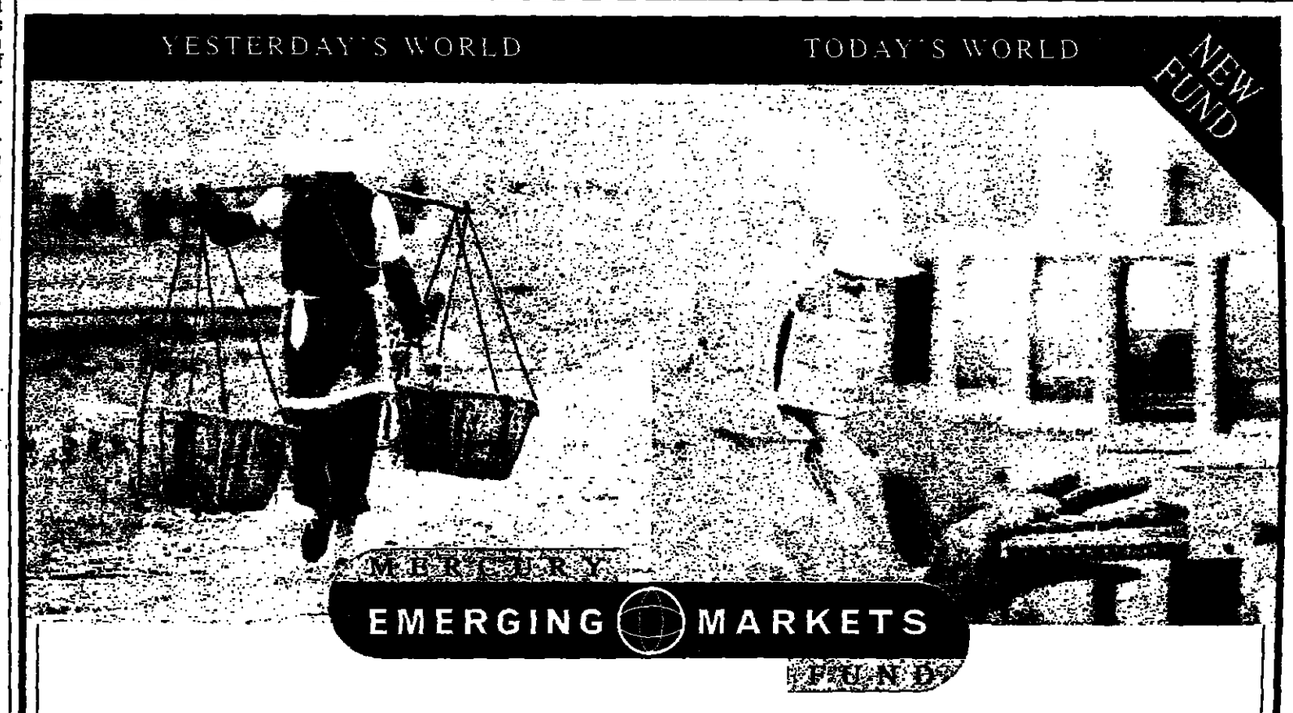
Mr Massey said: "BSM is ideally placed. Through our network, we can reach up to 90 per cent of people in the UK."

BSM, which has 134 branches and uses 2,000 self-employed instructors, is coming to the market to clear £30 million in debt, freeing funds for expansion. Interest rates, fixed at 1990 levels of 15-16 per cent, have proved an unwelcome burden. The flotation will also provide an exit route for Morgan Grenfell, which provided financial backing for the MBO and has a 70 per cent stake. Morgan Grenfell is sponsoring the flotation.

BSM was founded in Peckham, south-east London, in 1910. After using Metro cars for years, the company has switched to Vauxhall, agreeing to take delivery of 5,000 Corsas a year for a decade in a deal worth £400 million.

The company also intends to target a younger audience. Fewer than a third of its customers fall into the important 17-20 age group, and BSM is keen to redress the balance.

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STOCK MARKET

Profit-takers prevent another trading high

ATTEMPTS to extend the equity market's record-breaking run of trading highs ended in *failure as* profit-taking and technical factors combined to call a halt.

The FT-SE 100 index, up *more than 12 points about* lunchtime, eventually found the downward pressure too great to *resist* and ended the first leg of the three-week trading account just above its low for the day, 7.9 off at 3,057.6. Turnover was a modest 633 million shares. The rise *in the index on the week is still* an impressive 47.5 points.

The futures market dictated *much of the pace, with dealers* reporting volatile trading conditions in the run-up to expiry *of the August traded options* series. Stock shortages in the cash market only exacerbated the situation. *Profit-taking* was another factor in dampen*ing enthusiasm, with still two* weeks of the trading account left to run.

In spite of this, and the fact that brokers are bracing themselves for a further period of consolidation next week, the *strong undertone remains.* Pressure for a cut in interest rates remains intense and was *fuelled by the Bundesbank,* which was taken to be hinting that further reductions may be on the way.

Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank group, firmed 1p to 508p, in spite of a decision *by its biggest shareholders to* cash in its investment. Anglo International Group has disposed of its entire holding of 8.6 million shares, 6.7 per cent of the issued capital. The shares were bought by rival S G Warburg at 498p a share ex-dividend and placed with a total of 23 institutions. The placing was oversubscribed.

There was also a large placing of shares in **Royal Bank of Scotland**. The price *slipped 4p to 290p, with Scot*tish Amicable reckoned to have disposed of a total of 20 *million shares in the market.*

Elsewhere in the banking sector, **Barclays** continued to *draw strength from the pro*posed appointment of Martin Taylor, the Courtaulds Textiles chairman, as its new chief executive.

The appointment has been eagerly awaited and has been given the thumbs-up by the City. The decision to split the role of chairman and chief executive at Barclays was made in January after intense pressure from fund managers.

Cadbury Schweppes, the soft drinks and confectionery group, fell 8p to 493p after *surprising the market by pay*ing $231 million to increase its stake in Dr Pepper/Seven-Up, the US soft drinks group. It has bought a 20.2 per cent stake in the company belonging to the Prudential Insurance Company of America. It *takes Cadbury's total stake in* Dr Pepper/Seven-Up to 25.9 per cent.

However, news of the deal left **United Biscuits**, the McVitie's and KP food group, 8p lower at 381p as all lingering hopes of a bid were *scuppered. This year, there* was intense speculation that Cadbury would launch a bid for UB. Food retailers again attracted institutional support, which went some way to correcting this year's underperformance by the sec*tor. Whispers that the sector* might benefit from a warrant issue being considered by Warburg Securities and focused on leading companies also boosted sentiment. Rival UBS is also reckoned to be urging clients to buy the sector.

Leading the way higher was **Argyll**, up 6½p at 343½p, accompanied by **J Sainsbury**, 6p to 524p, **Kwik Save**, 5p to 738p, **Asda**, 1p at 64p, and **Iceland Group**, 2p at 236p.

GEC hardened 4p to 348p after learning that the Korean government had appointed the GEC-Alsthom joint venture as priority bidder for the new $2.4 billion high-speed rail link. But Malcolm Bates, GEC's deputy managing director, said it was likely to be about three years before the benefits of the deal were seen. James Capel, the broker, has added GEC to its buy list.

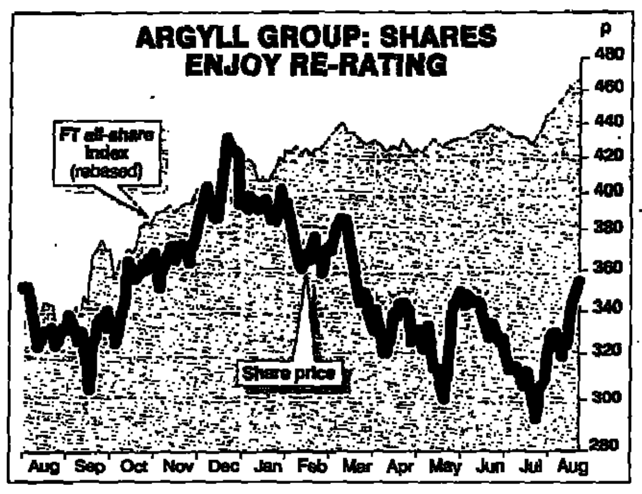
Hartstone, the hoisery and leather products group, lost an early lead to finish all-square *at 61p, after trying to reassure* investors at the annual meeting that the business had finally stabilised. The chairman said current trading showed sales and profits below budget in the first quarter but higher than last year. Orders for the important autumn season were encouraging. The cash position was *expected to improve from next* month as orders were converted into sales and stocks into cash.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** remained neglected after the Bank of England's decision last week *to turn off the tap*, for the time being. Prices traded at a discount to overnight levels before a *squeeze* produced a late rally. On the futures market, the September series *of the long gilt* recovered an early fall to finish £¹/₁₆ better at £112²⁷/₃₂ as 43,000 con*tracts were completed. On the* cash market, **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** slipped three ticks to £112⁷/₈, while at the longer end **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** eased £¹/₁₆ to £116¹⁵/₃₂.

MICHAEL CLARK

Profit-taking left Babcock International 1¼p easier at 47¾p, a rise on the week of 4½p, after a recommendation by Smith New Court. Lord King of Wartnaby, the chairman, recently bought 100,000 shares at 35p.

Smith New Court says independent radio is enjoying accelerated growth, signalling the long-awaited advertising boom. Its buy list includes Capital Radio, unchanged at 215p, Chiltern, 2p up at 70p and Metro, all square at 185p.



WALL STREET

Early setback for Dow

New York — *Shares moved lower in mid-morning as prof*it-taking and options expirations took their *toll after* four *days spent* on the upside.

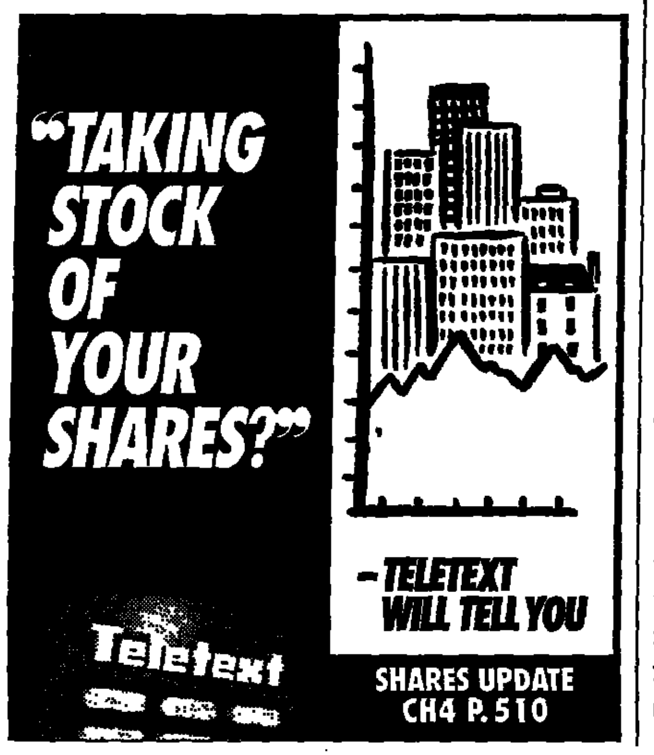
Consumer non-durable shares and *pharmaceuticals* consolidated *after* having led the Dow Jones industrial average to new highs this week, although analysts said that the *drug* shares appeared to be fairly resilient.

The Dow was down 10.06 *points at* 3,602.07, while declining shares led advancing issues by nine to seven. *(Reuter)*

	Aug 20 midday	Aug 19 close
AMP Inc	65	65¾
AMR Corp	64½	65¾
Abbott Labs	25¾	26¼
Aetna Life	58	58½
Ahmanson (HF)	19¼	19½
Air Prod & Chem	43¾	43½
Albertson's	57¼	57½
Alcan Aluminum	20¾	20¾
Alco Standard	45¾	45¾
Allied Signal	73¾	73¾
Alum Co of Am	74¼	74½
Amax	24¾	25
Amerada Hess	50¾	51
Amer Brands	32½	33
Amer Cyanamid	52¼	51½
Amer El Power	37¾	37¼
Amer Express	32½	33¼
Amer Genl Corp	34½	34
Amer Home Pr	63	63¼
Amer Intl	95¾	95¾
Amer Stores	47½	47½
Amer T & T	58¾	58¾
Ameritech	80¾	80¾
Amoco	55¼	56
Anheuser-Busch	46¾	46¼
Apple Computer	27½	27½
Archer Daniels	22¾	23
Arkla	8¾	8¾
Armco	6¾	6¾
Armstrong Wrld	37¼	37¼
Asarco	18¾	18¾
Ashland Oil	30¾	30¼
Atl Richfield	114¾	114¼
Auto Data Pro	48¾	48¾
Avery Dennison	26¾	26¼
Avon Products	58¼	58¾
Baker Hughes	27¾	27¾
Baltim Gas & El	26¾	26¾
Banc One	51½	51½
BankAmerica	45¾	45¾
Bank of NY	53¾	53¼
Bankers Tr NY	78¾	78¾
Barnett Banks	45¾	45¾
Bausch & Lomb	47½	47¾
Baxter Intl	26	26
Bectn Dicknsn	35¾	35¾
Bell Atlantic	56¾	56¾
BellSouth	54¾	55
Black & Decker	20	20¾
Block (H&R)	37¾	38¾
Boeing	39½	39¾
Boise Cascade	21½	21¼
Borden Inc	15¾	16¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	55¾	56¾
Browning Ferris	23¾	23¾
Burlington Nthn	56¾	57¼
CBS	248¾	249¼
CNA Financial	85¾	85¾
CPC Intl	44¾	45
CSX	76	76½
Campbell Soup	38¾	39¼
Can Pacific	15¾	15¾
Cptl Cities ABC	498¾	503
Cptl Holdings	41	41¼
Carolina Pwr	32¾	32¼
Caterpillar	80¾	81¼
Central & SW	32¾	32¾
Champion Intl	33½	33¾
Chase Manhat	33¾	33¼
Chemical Bk	39¾	39¾
Chevron Corp	89	88¾
Chrysler	42¾	42
Chubb Corp	91¼	91¼
Cigna Corp	61½	61½
Citicorp	33¾	32¾
Clorox	57	57½
Coastal Corp	30	30¼
Coca Cola	43½	43¾
Colgate-Palmolive	51½	51¼
Columbia Gas	24¼	24¾
Commonw Ed	29¾	30¼
Compaq Comp	52¾	53¾
Comp Ass Int	30¾	30¾
Conagra	24¾	24¾
Cons Edison	36½	36¾
Cons Nat Gas	54¾	54½
Cons Rail	56¾	57
Cooper Inds	51½	51½
Corning Inc	31½	31¼
Crown Cork	37¾	36¾
Dana Corp	55	54¾
Dayton Hudson	67¾	67¾
Deere	68¾	69
Delta Air Lines	52¾	52¾
Deluxe Corp	36¾	36¾
Detroit Edison	34¾	34¾
Digital Equip	38¾	38¾
Dillard Dept St	35¾	35¾
Disney (Walt)	38¾	38¾
Dominion Res	47¾	47¾
Donnelley (RR)	29¾	29¾
Dover Corp	51½	51½
Dow Chemicals	59¾	59¾
Dow Jones	30¼	30¾
Dresser	24	24¾
Duke Power	42	42
Dun & Bradstreet	60¾	60
Du Pont	48¾	49¾
Eastman Kodak	60	60¾
Eaton Corp	46½	47¼

	Aug 20 midday	Aug 19 close
Emerson Elec	60¼	60¼
Engelhard Corp	39¾	39¼
Enron Corp	34¼	33½
Entergy Corp	38¼	38½
Ethyl Corp	18	18¼
Exxon	64¼	64½
FMC Corp	47¼	47¾
FPL Group	39¾	39¼
Federal Express	60¾	60¾
Fed Nat Mtge	80¼	80¾
First Chicago	45¾	45¾
First Interstate	60¾	60¼
First Union Rlty	10¾	10¼
Fleet Finl Grp	37½	37
Fluor Corp	43¼	43¼
Ford Motor	50¼	50¾
GTE Corp	35¼	35¾
Gannett	50¾	51¼
Gap Inc Del	28¾	28¼
Gen Dynamics	95¼	97¼
Gen Electric	97¼	96¾
Gen Mills	61¼	63
Gen Motors	45¾	45½
Gen Reinsurance	129	128¾
Gen Signal	31¼	32
Genuine Parts	35½	35¾
Georgia Pac	61½	62
Gillette	54¼	55¾
Glaxo ADR	17½	17¾
Goodrich (BF)	48¼	48¼
Goodyear Tire	41¼	41½
Grace (W&R)	39¾	39¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29¾	29
Great Wstn Fin	16¼	16½
Halliburton	41½	41½
Harcourt General	40¾	40¾
Heinz (HJ)	36¼	37½
Hercules	85	85
Hershey Foods	46¼	47¾
Hewlett Packard	73½	74¼
Hilton Hotels	45¼	46
Home Depot	41½	40¾
Homestake Mng	19¾	19
Honeywell	37¼	38½
Household Intl	72½	72¼
Houston Inds	45	45¼
Humana	13	13½
ITT Corp	92¼	93¾
Illinois Tool	38¼	37¼
INCO	22¼	22½
Ingersoll Rand	36¼	36½
Inland Steel	26¼	26¼
Intel Corp	63¼	64
IBM	42¾	43
Intl Flav & Fr	114½	114½
Intl Paper	66¼	65¾
James River Va	20¾	21
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39¾	40¾
K Mart	23½	23¾
Kellogg	52	52¾
Kerr-McGee	54¼	54¾
Kimberly-Clark	46¼	47
Knight-Ridder	55	55
Lilly (Eli)	46¾	47¾
Limited Inc	22¾	22¾
LIN Brdcstng	119¾	118¾
Lincoln Nat	45¾	45¾
Litton	66¾	68½
Liz Claiborne	23¾	24
Lockheed Corp	62¾	62¼
Louisiana Pac	35¾	35
MCI Commun	28	27¾
Marriott	27¾	27¼
Marsh & McLnn	89¾	89¾
Masco Corp	30¾	30¾
May Dept St	41½	41½
Maytag Corp	17¼	16½
McCaw Cellular	54	53½
McDonalds	54½	54½
McDonnell D	83	82
McGraw Hill	69¾	69¾
Mead Corp	45¼	45¾
Medtronic	65¾	66½
Mellon Bk	56½	55¾
Melville Corp	45¾	45¾
Merck Inc	32¼	33½
Merrill Lynch	91½	90¾
Minnesota Mine	107¼	108¼
Mobil Corp	75	75¾
Monsanto	62¾	63
Morgan (JP)	72¾	73½
Motorola Inc	96¾	96¾
Natl Medical	11½	11½
Natl Semi	18¾	18¾
Natl Service Ind	26	25½
Navistar Int	24½	24¼
NBD Bancorp	32¾	32¾
NY Times A	25¾	26½
Newmont Mng	50¾	49¾
Niag Mohawk	23¼	23¼
Nike B	54¼	54½
NL Industries	4¾	4¾
Nordstrom	32¾	31½
Norfolk Sthrn	68¾	69¾
Nthn State Pwr	45¾	45¾
Norwest Corp	26½	26¾
Nynex Corp	87½	88¾
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ohio Edison	25¾	25¾
Oracle Systems	53¾	53½

	Aug 20 midday	Aug 19 close
Oryx Energy Co	22¼	22¾
Owens Corning	43½	43½
PNC Financial	29½	29¾
PPG Industries	68¾	69¾
Paccar Inc	62	61½
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	25½	25¾
Pac Gas & Elect	35½	35¾
Pac Telesis	52¾	52¾
Pall Corp	17¾	17¾
Panhandle East	26¾	26¼
Paramnt Comm	53	53¾
Parker Hannifin	34¼	34½
Penney (JC)	45¾	45¾
Pennzoil	68	68½
Pepsico	39¾	40¾
Pfizer	63½	63¼
Phelps Dodge	46½	46½
Philadel Elec	32	32
Philip Morris	50¾	50¾
Phillips Pet	31¼	31½
Pitney Bowes	42¾	42¾
Polaroid	37¼	37¾
Price Co	35¼	35
Primerica	56¾	56½
Procter & Gmbl	49	49
Pub Serv E & G	34¼	34½
Quaker Oats	68¾	68¾
Ralston Purina	37¾	37¾
Raychem Corp	37¼	37½
Raytheon	63¼	63¾
Reebok Intl	23¼	24½
Reynolds Metals	48½	49
Roadway Srvcs	58½	58¾
Rockwell Intl	35¾	34½
Rohm & Haas	53¾	53¾
Royal Dutch	97½	98¾
Rubbermaid	31½	31½
Safeco Corp	63¾	63¾
St Paul's Cos	90	89¾
Salomon Inc	49¾	49¾
Santa Fe Pac	18¾	18¾
Sara Lee Corp	26	26½
Stecorp	24½	24½
Schering Plough	62¾	62¾
Schlumberger	65¼	66¼
Scott Paper	34¼	34¼
Seagram	25¾	26¾
Sears Roebuck	53½	53¾
Shell Trans	59	59¾
Sherwin Wllms	33½	33¼
Skyline Corp	18¾	18¾
Snap-On-Tools	42¼	42
Southern Co	44	44
Sthwestern Bell	41½	41½
Sprint Corp	36	35½
Stanley Works	42	42
Sun Company	27¼	26¾
Suntrust	43¾	43¼
Supervalu	36	36
Syntex Corp	17¼	17¾
Sysco Corp	30	30¼
TRW Inc	65½	65¾
Tandem Comp	8¼	9¼
Tandy Corp	29½	29¾
Telecom Corp	3½	3¼
Teledyne	23¾	24¼
Temple Inland	42¾	42¾
Tenneco	51¼	51½
Texaco	63¾	63¼
Texas Inst	80¾	81½
Texas Utilities	48¼	48¾
Textron	57¼	57½
Time Warner	39¾	38¾
Times-Mirror	31	31
Timken	33½	33½
Torchmark	57¾	57¾
Toys R Us	36¼	36
Transamerica	58¾	58¾
Travelers Corp	32	32¾
Tribune	51	51
Tyco Labs	42½	42¾
UAL Corp	144	145¾
UST Inc	28½	28¾
USX Marathon	19¼	19¼
Unilever NV	104½	104¾
Union Camp	45¼	45¾
Union Carbide	18	18¼
Union Pacific	65½	66
Unisys Corp	11½	11
USAIR Group	15¾	15¾
USF&G Corp	18¾	18¾
US Life	41½	41¼
US West	44¾	44¾
United Tech	57¼	58½
Unocal Corp	28¾	29
Upjohn	27¾	27¾
VF Corp	46½	46¼
WMX Tech	30¾	30¾
Wal-Mart Stores	26¼	25¾
Warner-Lambert	70¾	70¾
Wells Fargo	111½	110¾
Westinghouse El	15¾	15¾
Weyerhaeuser	42¾	42
Whirlpool	64½	64¾
Whitman	14¾	14¾
Winn Dixie	61½	61½
Woolworth	25¾	25½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	39¾	39¾
Xerox	74½	75



Worries over yen cause Nikkei to fall

WORLD MARKETS

Tokyo — *Shares closed down* for the fourth day in lacklustre trade. Investors were exhausted *by the jumpy currency* market, brokers said. The Nikkei closed 80.21 points *down at* 20,607.26. "Both overseas and domestic investors are slowly shifting funds *into stocks, but we must first* see how the yen will set itself," one Big Four broker said.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices *closed down but above their* early lows, hit after a wave of profit-taking emerged on *disappointment over the interim* profits of Hang Seng Bank. The Hang Seng index ended 59.90 points lower at 7,545.36.

☐ **Sydney** — *Shares took a* breather after Thursday's surge, with the all-ordinaries *index closing at* 1,927.1, up 0.8.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares rose *on institutional buying*, with the Straits Times industrial index ending at a record of *1,972.27, up 23.49 points.*

☐ **Frankfurt** — Share prices dropped in the cash market in the last *few minutes of official* trading on profit-taking and options-related selling. The Dax index ended down 16.30 points at 1,922.68. *(Reuter)*

RECENT ISSUES

Bakyrchik (120)	142	-3
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	183½	-1
Dunedin Japan Inv (100)	97½	-1
Dunedin Japan Inv Wts	54	-1
EFM Small Comp Tst (100)	98	-1½
EFM Small Comp Wts	54	...
Explaura A	5	...
Finsbury Smaller Co's C	153	...
Flying Flowers (65)	81	...
Lazard High Inc Tst (100)	109	-1
Martin Currie Pac Wts	65	-½
Raglan Warrants	26	...
Sharelink Inv Serv (250)	345	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alliance Res n/p (5)	¼	...
Britton n/p (10)	5½	...
Business Tech n/p (10)	1¾	-¼
Cussins Prop n/p (75)	20	...
North Fine Foods n/p (8)	3	...
Sedgwick n/p (165)	25	+3
TT Group n/p (240)	33	...
Villiers n/p (10½)	1	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Guinness	503p (+10p)	Phoenix Timber	12p (-12p)
Blagden	165p (+10p)	ADT	630p (-28p)
Liberty Life	971p (+21p)	Takeda Chem	814p (-25p)
Compass Group	588p (+22p)	Thomson Corp	745p (-20p)
Chemring	320p (+15p)	Ranger Oil	330p (-10p)
Blick	475p (+25p)	United Biscuits	381p (-10p)
Racal Elect	257p (+9p)	BAT	482p (-8p)
Tunstall	505p (+10p)	BAA	780p (-10p)
Vodafone	562p (+15p)	Sothebys	780p (-13p)
Bodycote	321p (+16p)		
Relyon	221p (+11p)		

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	418.40	442.80	+ 3.20	...
Series Equity	530.60	561.50	- 8.70	...
Series Prop Fd	409.60	433.50	- 0.30	...
Series Fixed Int	321.60	340.40	- 0.50	...
Series Money Fd	241.20	255.30	+ 0.10	...
Series Oseas Fd	325.20	344.20	- 1.90	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010875				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.30	18.22	+ 0.02	...
Bear	19.10	20.11	- 0.25	...
Owl	19.16	20.17	+ 0.39	...
Bull	17.23	18.14	+ 0.15	...
Stag	18.29	19.26	+ 0.27	...
Gilt Edged	16.68	16.68	+ 0.11	...
Deposit	15.25	15.25	+ 0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	23.06	24.28	+ 0.02	...
Bear	25.59	26.94	+ 0.40	...
Owl	25.63	26.98	+ 0.62	...
Bull	21.82	22.97	+ 0.22	...
Stag	22.54	23.73	- 0.40	...
Gilt Edged	22.95	22.95	+ 0.14	...
Deposit	19.34	19.34	+ 0.02	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	563.13	563.14	+ 5.67	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	338.02	355.82	+ 5.34	...
N Amer Equity	282.29	297.15	- 4.97	...
Far East Equity	387.90	408.32	- 9.15	...
Fixed	292.39	307.78	+ 1.69	...
Cash Deposit	196.29	206.63	+ 0.15	...
Property	131.87	138.82	+ 1.30	...
Special Opp	352.89	371.47	+ 8.84	...
Managed	294.74	310.26	+ 3.40	...
Index-Linked Fd	189.29	199.26	+ 0.53	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	256.80	270.40	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	451.70	475.50	+ 0.10	...
Equity Fd Inc	165.00	173.70	+ 4.80	...
-do- Acc	214.20	225.50	+ 6.20	...
Selective Fd	461.80	486.20	+ 4.80	...
Money Fd	360.20	379.20	+ 0.30	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	351.90	370.50	+ 0.10	...
Equity Ser 4	207.00	217.90	+ 4.90	...
Man Ser 4	631.40	664.70	+ 3.70	...
Conv Ser 4	315.50	332.20	+ 0.30	...
Money Ser 4	315.20	331.80	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	340.00	357.90	- 0.30	...
American Ser 4	487.80	513.30	- 9.20	...
High Inc Ser 4	635.90	669.40	-11.20	...
Indexed Int Ser 4	207.40	218.40	- 0.40	...
Japan Ser 4	375.80	395.60	-20.90	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1492.5	1571.0	-21.90	...
European Fd Acc	327.60	344.80	+ 2.90	...
Fixed Int Acc	523.00	550.50	+ 0.30	...
Gtd Money Acc	320.50	337.30	+ 0.30	...
Intl Managed Acc	557.80	587.20	- 1.40	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	321.50	338.40	- 5.90	...
Japan Fund	298.90	314.60	-15.20	...
N American Acc	308.50	324.70	- 2.00	...
Prop Fd Acc	371.50	391.00	+ 0.40	...
Multiple Inv Acc	987.20	1039.1	+ 8.30	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	356.80	375.60	+ 0.30	...
Equity Acc	1316.7	1386.0	+ 8.10	...
Property Acc	479.70	505.00	- 0.10	...
Far East Acc	273.60	288.00	- 3.10	...
Managed Capital	512.20	539.20	+ 3.20	...
-do- Acc	1018.2	1069.7	+ 6.40	...
Overseas Acc	891.70	938.70	+14.30	...
Gilt Edged Acc	463.10	487.50	+ 1.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	711.50	749.00	- 4.60	...
Amer Man Acc	304.90	321.00	- 2.30	...
Amer Prop Acc	114.80	120.90	- 3.30	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	140.40	147.70	+ 0.40	...
Balced Ser 5	654.60	689.00	- 1.60	...
Opportunity Ser 5	149.80	158.60	...	...
Distribution Ser 5	100.80	106.10	- 2.30	...
UK Equities Ser 5	909.50	957.30	+25.30	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	975.20	1026.5	+19.30	...
North Amer Ser 5	418.90	440.90	-12.90	...
Far East Ser 5	523.30	550.80	-20.70	...
Europe Ser 5	330.00	347.30	+ 3.40	...
Intnl Ser 5	522.60	550.10	- 7.20	...
Property Ser 5	459.20	482.30	+ 0.70	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	406.10	427.40	...	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	177.90	187.20	+ 0.10	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	284.50	299.40	+ 0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	791.10	832.80	+15.30	...
-do- Initial	547.60	576.50	+10.60	...
Gilt Edged Acc	382.40	402.60	+ 1.10	...
-do- Initial	267.00	281.10	+ 0.70	...
International Acc	374.60	394.40	- 5.30	...
-do- Initial	259.90	273.60	- 3.70	...
Managed Acc	490.60	516.50	+ 3.60	...
-do- Initial	341.20	359.20	+ 2.50	...
Money Acc	279.30	294.10	+ 0.30	...
Property Acc	247.60	260.70	- 0.10	...
-do- Initial	170.70	179.70	- 0.10	...
America Acc	276.40	291.00	- 3.40	...
Australia Acc	189.80	199.80	+ 0.60	...
Financial Acc	300.20	316.00	+ 2.00	...
500 Accum	412.30	434.00	+ 8.90	...
Japan Genl Acc	373.70	393.40	-24.10	...
Income Acc	497.30	523.50	+ 6.40	...
Leisure Acc	206.30	217.10	+ 4.20	...
Special Sits Acc	218.50	230.10	+ 2.90	...
Univ Tech Acc	143.20	150.80	- 1.50	...

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BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	756.19	756.19	+ 3.04	...
Income Fund	728.82	767.18	+11.86	...
Extra Income	666.54	701.63	- 6.01	...
Worldwide Gth	467.24	491.84	- 1.04	...
Balanced Fund	627.89	660.94	-10.28	...
Smllr Cos Recov	624.81	657.70	-11.73	...
N Amer & Genrl	364.84	384.05	- 3.32	...
Pacific Basin	370.81	390.33	- 6.61	...
German Growth	216.30	227.69	+ 3.03	...
Japan Growth	186.98	196.83	- 6.57	...
The UK Gth Fd	196.84	207.20	+ 2.72	...
Contl Euro Gth	115.96	122.07	+ 1.61	...
Property Fund	347.75	366.06	- 0.28	...
Fixed Interest	311.29	327.68	+ 1.14	...
Cash Fund	272.11	286.44	+ 0.18	...
Managed Inv	461.02	485.29	- 1.82	...
Nth Amer Recov	241.10	253.79	- 5.01	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	434.86	457.75	+ 2.46	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 888080				
Measured Perf	150.40	159.10	- 0.60	...
Performance Plus	147.80	156.40	+ 1.10	...
With Profit Perf	163.30	172.70	+ 0.10	...
UK Opportunity	164.20	173.70	- 2.50	...
Euro Opportunity	194.10	205.30	- 0.70	...
North Amer Opp	142.50	150.70	- 2.10	...
Far East Opp	168.80	178.60	- 4.30	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	142.50	150.00	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	155.70	164.70	- 0.10	...
Fixed Int	187.30	198.20	+ 7.20	...
Cash	150.10	158.80	...	...
Overseas	170.40	180.30	+ 1.60	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	1238.60	...	...	...
Managed	310.40	326.90	+ 2.00	...
Property	198.90	209.40	+ 0.10	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	239.70	252.40	+ 1.30	...
Index-Linked	182.60	192.30	- 0.10	...
Equity	342.30	360.40	+ 6.20	...
Cash	209.70	220.80	+ 0.10	...
CLife Euro Mgd	330.20	347.70	- 2.70	...
CLife Intl Fd	352.40	371.00	- 5.50	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£121.30	...	+ 3.10	...
Property Units	£25.84	...	...	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£63.41	£67.10	+ 0.19	...
2nd Equity Acc	607.10	642.40	+14.50	...
2nd High Inc Ac	580.90	614.70	+ 6.90	...
2nd Property Acc	236.80	250.60	...	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	178.80	188.90	- 0.80	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	449.50	475.70	+ 1.30	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	218.10	230.80	+ 0.20	...
2nd Deposit Acc	270.10	285.80	+ 0.20	...
2nd Gilt Acc	301.60	319.20	+ 2.40	...
2nd Amer Acc	650.60	688.50	- 5.90	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	254.50	269.30	- 4.00	...
2nd Index Acc	197.80	209.30	+ 1.40	...
2nd Far East Acc	420.90	445.40	-12.00	...
2nd Global Acc	168.00	177.80	- 1.20	...
2nd Euro Acc	149.30	158.00	+ 1.20	...
2nd Japan Acc	215.60	228.10	-12.50	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.60	72.60	...	...
2nd Intl Cr Bd Ac	157.80	167.00	- 3.20	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	122.60	129.70	+ 3.60	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU 0908 606101				
Property Fund	176.80	186.20	...	...
Managed Fund	581.30	611.90	+12.20	...
Equity Fund	328.90	346.30	+ 7.90	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	270.40	284.70	+ 0.70	...
Ruby	157.10	165.40	- 1.20	...
Emerald	141.20	148.70	- 0.50	...
Equity	307.30	323.50	+ 5.10	...
Property	188.70	198.70	+ 0.60	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	207.80	218.80	...	...
Indexed Secs	164.60	173.30	+ 1.10	...
Cash	179.40	188.90	+ 0.10	...
Nth American	204.90	215.70	- 4.00	...
Far East	273.80	288.30	- 3.40	...
International	221.00	232.70	- 2.60	...
Special Sits	300.90	316.80	+ 3.20	...
Intl Income	276.00	290.60	+ 2.40	...
American Inc	180.10	189.60	- 3.90	...
European	276.60	291.20	+ 4.30	...
Japanese	158.20	166.60	- 6.70	...
SE Asia	293.80	309.30	- 1.70	...
With Profits Reg	149.80	157.70	+ 0.10	...
-do- Spec	149.80	157.70	+ 0.10	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	299.70	315.50	+ 3.00	...
Equity	351.90	370.50	+10.10	...
Property	174.00	183.20	+ 0.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	252.80	266.20	+ 2.70	...
Index Linked	173.70	182.90	+ 1.80	...
Cash	235.60	248.10	+ 0.30	...
Nth American	256.40	269.90	- 6.40	...
Far East Acc	327.50	344.80	-11.40	...
International Acc	278.80	293.50	- 3.80	...
Special Sits	448.70	472.40	+ 3.40	...
European Flex	378.60	398.60	+ 6.00	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 890 000				
(Units) Key	£215.51	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	£298.64			
-do- Cash	196.70	207.05	+ 0.12	...
-do- Equity	505.81	532.43	+ 6.58	...
-do- Fxd Int	360.75	379.74	+ 4.60	...
-do- Managed	366.16	385.43	+ 4.42	...
-do- Property	301.92	317.81	+ 7.39	...
(Pens): Cash Cap	206.00	216.85	+ 0.06	...
-do- Cash Inv	298.30	303.38	- 0.30	...
-do- Equity Cap	1397.9	1471.5	+24.45	...
-do- Equity Inv	1955.7	2058.7	+35.57	...

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-do- Fixed Cap	398.52	419.51	+ 1.53	...
-do- Fixed Inv	557.55	586.90	+ 2.53	...
-do- Index Cap	208.29	219.26	+ 0.30	...
-do- Index Inv	291.40	306.75	+ 0.63	...
Mngd Cap	557.15	586.48	+ 6.38	...
Mngd Inv	779.47	820.50	+ 9.47	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	1661.51	...	+18.11	...
Var Ann (5)	189.31	...	+ 2.28	...
Prime Managed	381.20	401.30	+ 3.40	...
Prime UK Equity	458.00	482.20	+ 8.90	...
Prime Int Equity	288.20	303.40	- 3.10	...
Prime Property	197.60	208.10	+ 0.30	...
Prime Fxd Int	241.80	254.60	+ 0.80	...
Prime Index-Lnk	171.50	180.60	+ 0.50	...
Prime Cash	197.00	207.40	+ 0.10	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	1059.4	1115.1	...	...
Equity Fund	1510.5	1590.0	...	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	565.30	595.00	+ 4.80	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	363.50	382.60	+ 0.80	...
Life Equity Acc	777.80	818.70	+11.80	...
Life Money Acc	290.80	306.10	+ 0.30	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	752.10	791.60	- 7.60	...
Life Intl Acc	484.90	510.40	- 3.70	...
Life High Inc Acc	752.60	792.20	+ 6.60	...
Life Property Acc	214.70	226.00	+ 0.20	...
Crown Bric Inv A	1138.3	...	...	...
Brewin Equity	661.60	696.40	+ 3.40	...
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30	...	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	168.10	177.00	+ 0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	233.50	245.80	+ 0.80	...
-do- Series 2	150.10	158.10	+ 0.60	...
Adventurous Fd	198.00	208.50	- 4.90	...
-do- Series 2	149.00	156.90	- 3.60	...
Performance Fd	239.20	251.80	- 4.10	...
-do- Series 2	155.00	163.20	- 2.60	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	145.10	150.70	+ 0.40	...
UK Equity Fund	150.30	158.30	+ 2.30	...
Property Fund	103.90	109.40	...	...
Envrnmntl Opps	147.60	155.40	- 2.60	...
Euro Fund	158.40	166.80	- 1.00	...
North Amer Fd	182.30	191.90	- 2.00	...
Oriental Ops	171.80	180.90	+ 0.30	...
Japanese Fund	130.40	137.30	- 7.10	...
Bd & West Life	116.30	122.50	+ 0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	127.40	134.20	+ 0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	261.20	270.70	+ 5.10	3.38
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	287.10	302.30	+ 2.30	...
UK Equity	385.00	405.30	+ 6.40	...
Stewardship	328.00	345.30	+ 5.10	...
Overseas Equity	256.50	270.00	- 2.10	...
North American	140.50	147.90	- 0.60	...
Pacific Basin	145.00	152.70	- 3.90	...
European	184.10	193.80	- 1.10	...
Property	186.70	196.60	+ 0.30	...
Fixed Interest	227.20	239.20	+ 0.80	...
Index Linked	163.00	171.60	+ 0.40	...
Cash	191.90	202.10	+ 0.10	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	326.30	343.50	-10.50	...
GT Plan Wrwide	489.00	514.80	- 2.20	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	193.30	203.40	+ 0.70	...
Unitised Profit	123.80	130.20	+ 0.20	...
UK Equity	262.70	276.40	+ 4.10	...
Fixed Int	193.60	203.70	+ 0.50	...
Index-Linked	163.90	172.40	+ 0.40	...
Cash Deposit	168.00	176.70	+ 0.10	...
Property	165.80	174.50	+ 0.20	...
International	172.30	181.30	+ 0.10	...
American	150.20	158.00	- 1.70	...
Japan	253.10	266.30	-15.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	259.60	273.10	-16.20	...
European	165.70	174.30	+ 1.50	...
Pacific Fund	230.10	242.10	- 0.80	...
Conv Life	136.60	143.60	+ 0.80	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	678.50	678.50	+ 1.90	...
-do- Inv A	678.40	714.20	+ 2.00	...
UK Equity	392.50	413.20	+ 6.60	...
Gilt Plus	205.90	216.90	+ 0.30	...
Managed	296.80	312.50	+ 3.00	...
Inter Man	264.30	278.30	- 1.80	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	673.70	709.90	+ 3.60	...
Money Fund	304.30	320.30	+ 0.20	...
Equity Fund	575.00	605.90	+ 2.30	...
Fixed Interest	280.00	295.10	+ 2.60	...
Property Fund	337.40	355.50	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	541.90	571.00	- 2.80	...
Income	716.70	755.20	+ 4.30	...
International Gth	582.70	614.00	- 7.70	...
Capital Fund	591.20	623.00	+ 8.00	...
Recovery Fund	585.40	616.90	- 1.50	...
Japan & General	283.60	298.80	-16.00	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	650.60	677.70	...	...
Managed Initial	454.30	478.20	+ 4.90	...
-do- Acc	629.20	662.30	+ 6.50	...

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Equity Initial	661.50	696.30	+ 9.30	...
-do- Acc	916.30	964.50	+13.40	...
Fixed Int Initial	437.40	460.50	- 0.50	...
-do- Acc	605.90	637.80	- 0.40	...
Intl Initial	442.60	465.90	- 3.00	...
-do- Acc	613.10	645.40	- 3.80	...
Nth Amer Initial	177.90	187.30	- 3.60	...
-do- Acc	224.30	236.10	- 4.40	...
Pacific Initial	238.50	251.00	- 6.60	...
-do- Acc	297.80	313.50	- 8.10	...
Property Initial	150.90	158.80	...	...
-do- Acc	208.70	219.70	...	...
Index-Lnkd Inld	161.80	170.30	+ 0.20	...
-do- Acc	204.00	214.70	+ 0.40	...
Deposit Initial	194.00	204.30	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	268.80	282.90	+ 0.20	...
Euro Initial	90.60	95.40	+ 0.90	...
-do- Acc	105.50	111.10	+ 1.10	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	156.20	164.40	+ 1.40	...
-do- Pens	189.10	199.00	+ 2.20	...
UK Equity	154.50	162.60	+ 2.00	...
-do- Pens	173.30	182.40	+ 2.90	...
International	139.50	146.80	+ 0.50	...
-do- Pens	152.50	160.50	+ 0.50	...
Deposit	134.90	141.90	...	...
-do- Pens	157.20	165.40	+ 0.10	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	368.50	392.10	+ 7.90	...
North America	324.20	344.90	- 5.70	...
Far East Fund	559.60	595.40	- 9.10	...
Global Managed	440.40	468.60	+ 4.60	...
Deposit Fund	220.40	232.10	...	...
Prime Residential	124.70	131.30	...	...
European Fund	236.10	251.20	- 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	70.90	75.50	+ 0.10	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	484.60	512.90	+ 8.20	...
British Fund	487.80	516.20	+ 7.30	...
International	485.40	513.70	- 1.40	...
Dollar Fund	355.50	376.20	+ 0.50	...
Capital Fund	440.00	465.70	+ 4.90	...
Income Fund	670.10	709.20	+ 9.50	...
Property Series A	387.90	410.50	...	...
Property Units	628.80	665.30	...	...
Financial Fund	536.00	567.20	+ 4.10	...
Managed Ser A	511.60	541.40	- 4.60	...
-do- C	275.90	292.00	...	...
Managed Units	914.60	962.80	+ 8.30	...
High Yield Fund	650.10	688.00	+10.30	...
Money Series A	276.30	292.40	+ 0.20	...
Money Units	364.70	383.50	+ 0.30	...
Equity Fund	580.50	614.30	+ 6.60	...
Fixed Interest	374.10	395.90	- 1.90	...
Indexed Secs	181.30	191.90	- 0.50	...
European Fund	673.90	713.20	+ 5.50	...
Natural Res	266.40	282.00	- 0.60	...
Far East Fund	591.50	626.00	-17.10	...
Smaller Cos	451.70	478.00	+12.60	...
Special Sits	429.60	454.70	+ 8.20	...
Man Currency	253.00	267.80	- 1.70	...
Japanese Tech	264.70	280.30	-14.80	...
US Smaller Cos	221.70	234.70	- 3.00	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 40181				
Global Managed	522.50	550.00	+ 4.80	...
Global Property	256.70	270.20	...	...
Global Fixed Int	509.40	536.23	+ 4.70	...
Global Equity	555.20	584.40	+ 8.60	...
Global Cash	204.70	215.50	+ 0.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	479.20	504.40	+ 2.60	...
Property	425.30	447.70	+ 0.20	...
Managed	402.60	423.80	+ 6.40	...
American	385.80	406.10	- 5.60	...
UK Equity Fd	431.00	453.70	+ 8.60	...
Japan	223.20	235.00	-15.40	...
Index-Lkd	181.70	191.30	+ 0.20	...
High Yield	823.90	867.30	+13.10	...
Growth Cap	434.60	457.50	+ 2.60	...
Money	386.60	406.90	+ 0.30	...
International	373.30	392.90	- 7.80	...
Henderson Active	208.20	219.20	+ 0.50	...
Perpetual Active	308.00	324.20	- 2.00	...
Growth Cap	434.60	457.50	+ 2.80	...
-do- Acc	629.10	662.20	+ 9.80	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 724000				
B Sec Lnkd Init	135.00	142.20	...	...
-do- Acc	178.60	188.30	+ 0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	136.10	143.30	+ 2.20	...
-do- Acc	162.40	171.00	+ 2.70	...
Cash Initial	167.00	175.80	+ 0.20	...
-do- Acc	276.10	290.70	+ 0.20	...
Equity Initial	629.10	662.20	+13.40	...
-do- Acc	1040.3	1095.1	+22.00	...
Fixed Initial	359.10	378.00	+ 0.50	...
-do- Acc	593.80	625.10	+ 0.80	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	137.40	144.70	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	193.90	204.20	+ 0.50	...
Intl Initial	333.50	351.10	- 2.80	...
-do- Acc	543.00	571.60	- 4.70	...
Managed Initial	461.30	485.60	+ 4.20	...
-do- Acc	762.80	803.00	+ 7.00	...
Property Initial	198.60	198.60	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	311.90	328.40	+ 0.20	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	340.00	357.90	+ 0.30	...
UK Equity	559.50	589.00	- 5.50	...
Property	279.00	293.70	- 0.10	...
Money Market	242.70	255.50	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	318.30	335.10	+ 0.60	...
Japan	415.50	437.40	-27.70	...
North America	155.60	163.80	- 0.60	...
International	286.50	301.60	- 4.80	...

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European	255.70	269.20	+ 0.80	...
Far East	128.40	135.20	- 5.30	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	†864.50	...	+15.70	...
Fixed Interest	†404.50	...	+ 1.50	...
Property	†346.30	...	+ 0.50	...
Deposit	†279.70	...	+ 0.30	...
Mixed	†562.40	...	+ 4.90	...
Indexed Stock	†210.10	...	+ 0.70	...
International	†274.20	...	- 3.30	...
Equity A	†201.00	...	+ 3.60	...
Fixed Int A	†179.80	...	+ 0.60	...
Property A	†152.60	...	+ 0.30	...
Deposit A	†164.70	...	+ 0.10	...
Mixed A	†185.20	...	+ 1.60	...
Index Stock A	†164.80	...	+ 0.50	...
International A	†171.70	...	- 2.10	...
Equity P	†208.40	...	+13.90	...
Fixed Int P	†322.40	...	+ 2.02	...
Property P	†275.60	...	+ 0.50	...
Deposit P	†324.80	...	+ 0.30	...
Mixed P	†513.30	...	+ 4.50	...
Index Stock P	†238.60	...	+ 1.20	...
International P	†314.80	...	- 4.70	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap	†586.70	...	+ 5.90	...
-do- Acc	†926.70	...	+10.20	...
Property Cap	†155.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	†238.20	...	+ 0.20	...
Fxd Interest Cap	†209.00	...	+ 0.90	...
-do- Acc	†320.30	...	+ 1.50	...
Equity Cap	†314.00	...	+ 3.50	...
-do- Acc	†486.70	...	+ 5.80	...
Internatl Cap	†233.00	...	- 2.40	...
-do- Acc	†357.80	...	- 3.40	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	†169.50	...	...	...
-do- Acc	†257.00	...	...	...
Flexible Cap	†344.10	...	+ 1.50	...
-do- Acc	†532.20	...	+ 2.80	...
Moneymaker Fd	†419.90	...	+ 2.90	...
Capital Growth	†1553.3	...	+14.10	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	393.10	412.90	- 2.80	...
Amer Rec Bond	452.20	474.90	- 7.00	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	220.80	232.00	- 3.30	...
Australasia Bd	210.00	220.50	- 2.00	...
Commodity Bond	260.40	273.50	- 2.10	...
Deposit Bond Acc	347.70	365.20	+ 0.30	...
Equity Bond Acc	1385.1	1454.5	+21.80	...
European Bd Acc	326.10	342.50	+ 2.60	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	676.40	710.40	+ 2.00	...
Far East Bd Acc	282.50	296.80	- 0.70	...
Gilt Bond Acc	447.50	470.00	+ 3.50	...
Gold Bond Acc	140.50	147.60	+ 2.40	...
High Yield Bond	334.60	351.50	- 0.50	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	211.00	221.70	- 1.50	...
International Bd	701.00	736.10	-11.00	...
Japan Bond Acc	284.70	299.00	-18.90	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	256.80	269.70	-14.80	...
Managed Bonds	835.30	877.20	+ 9.70	...
Prop Bond Acc	302.80	318.00	+ 2.20	...
Rec Bond Acc	709.50	745.10	+ 4.10	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	220.80	232.50	+ 3.80	...
UK Equity Acc	297.70	313.40	+ 5.20	...
Special Sits	90.80	95.60	+ 1.10	...
Special Sits Acc	122.50	129.00	+ 1.70	...
North American	178.20	187.60	- 1.80	...
N American Acc	240.40	253.10	- 2.30	...
Pacific Basin	356.30	375.10	- 5.60	...
Pacific Basin Acc	480.40	505.70	- 7.30	...
Fixed Interest	298.30	314.00	+ 0.70	...
Fixed Interest Acc	402.80	424.00	+ 1.30	...
Property	152.40	161.00	+ 0.10	...
Property Acc	206.40	217.30	+ 0.20	...
Deposit	151.90	159.90	...	...
Deposit Acc	205.40	216.30	+ 0.10	...
Managed	253.30	266.70	+ 2.00	...
Managed Acc	314.00	331.50	+ 2.80	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	672.60	708.00	+ 5.10	...
Property Fund	477.20	502.30	+ 0.50	...
Equity Fund	838.80	882.90	+17.90	...
Gilt Edged Fd	611.80	644.00	+ 3.70	...
Deposit Fund	317.10	333.80	+ 0.20	...
Investment Fd	355.60	373.40	+ 7.80	...
International	548.10	576.90	-10.00	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA Admin: 0272 266366 Prices: 081 789 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	397.80	418.70	- 0.10	...
Equity Bond	325.50	342.60	+ 5.90	...
Money Mrkt Bd	565.10	594.80	+ 5.30	...
Deposit Fund	364.10	383.20	+ 0.40	...
Managed Fund	459.80	484.00	+ 6.00	...
Intl Equity	548.10	576.90	+ 3.80	...
Intl Managed	515.40	542.90	- 2.80	...
North American	203.50	214.20	- 1.50	...
Far East	414.60	436.40	- 1.60	...
Intl Currency	261.20	274.90	+ 0.20	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	139.30	146.60	+ 1.50	...
Fixed Interest	534.00	562.10	+ 1.50	...
Managed	661.90	696.70	+ 5.50	...
Deposit	325.10	342.20	+ 0.20	...
Property	378.30	398.20	+ 0.50	...
American	391.80	412.40	- 2.50	...
Australian	467.40	492.00	- 7.30	...
European	482.60	508.00	- 0.70	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	259.50	273.10	+ 1.60	...
Global Managed	134.20	141.20	+ 1.10	...
Income Acc	745.40	784.80	+10.60	...
-do- Dist	475.40	500.40	+ 9.20	4.78
International	301.10	316.90	- 7.10	...

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Japan Smaller	532.80	560.80	- 9.70	...
Singapore & Mal	308.60	324.80	-15.20	...
Smaller Cos	363.60	382.70	+ 7.60	...
Tokyo Fund	709.50	746.80	-18.70	...
UK Equity	565.90	595.60	+ 0.10	...
CCM Vangd Mg	697.00	733.60	+ 2.60	...
Equity Pens Cap	946.00	995.70	+12.20	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	449.90	473.60	+ 3.80	...
UK Equity	565.10	594.90	+13.60	...
Overseas Equity	442.70	466.10	- 7.60	...
Americas	390.60	411.20	- 4.20	...
Far East	498.20	524.50	-13.40	...
Property	199.60	210.20	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	354.30	373.00	- 0.60	...
Indexed Gilt	225.80	237.70	+ 0.70	...
Deposit	207.40	218.40	+ 0.20	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1305.2	1373.9	+10.70	...
Eqty Fund	2854.5	3004.7	+54.30	...
Property Fd	455.20	479.20	+ 0.30	...
Fixed Int Fd	586.20	617.10	- 0.80	...
Deposit Fund	332.20	349.70	+ 0.20	...
Intl Fund	221.50	233.20	- 1.70	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	144.80	152.50	+ 0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	275.60	290.20	+ 0.30	...
Inv Equity	1146.0	1206.4	+23.60	...
Inv Managed	795.60	837.40	+ 8.40	...
Ret Managed	885.60	932.30	+11.90	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	749.20	797.10	+ 7.70	...
Cash Fund	324.80	342.30	+ 0.30	...
Property Fund	225.10	239.50	- 1.00	...
Equity Fund	860.60	915.60	+ 1.40	...
Fxd Interest Fund	452.10	476.50	- 5.30	...
International	383.80	408.30	- 1.80	...
High Income	684.90	728.70	+10.30	...
Far East	526.70	560.40	- 5.90	...
North American	512.80	545.60	- 4.20	...
Special Sits	608.70	647.60	-16.40	...
Technology	489.30	520.60	- 4.10	...
Extra Income Fd	364.60	387.90	+ 5.90	...
Gilt Fund	467.80	497.70	+ 0.40	...
European	140.30	149.30	+ 1.20	...
Adventurous Mg	199.90	210.50	+ 0.40	...
Secure Mgd	139.40	148.30	+ 0.60	...
Equity Inc Dist	118.00	125.60	+ 1.10	4.97
North American	110.60	117.70	+ 0.60	5.56
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	282.50	298.00	+ 4.70	...
Fxd Interest Acc	234.10	247.00	+ 0.80	...
International Acc	244.20	257.60	- 3.10	...
Managed Fund	210.00	221.50	+ 0.90	...
Property Acc	221.00	233.20	...	...
Money Acc	147.80	156.00	+ 0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	206.70	218.10	- 1.90	...
Japan Equity Acc	132.40	139.70	- 6.20	...
N Amer Acc	158.40	167.10	- 1.30	...
Pacific Acc	149.20	157.40	- 3.40	...
European Acc	149.90	158.20	+ 0.30	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL Walsworth Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	442.90	466.20	+ 5.30	...
Managed Initial	311.50	327.90	+ 3.50	...
Equity Ord	670.90	706.20	+17.00	...
Equity Init	471.80	496.60	+12.00	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	201.60	212.20	+ 0.50	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	148.00	155.80	+ 0.20	...
Oseas Equity Ord	355.10	373.80	- 3.00	...
Oseas Equity Init	249.70	262.80	- 3.00	...
Property Ord	232.00	244.20	+ 0.30	...
Property Init	163.10	171.70	...	...
Fixed Int Ord	276.80	291.40	+ 0.50	...
Fixed Int Init	194.70	204.90	+ 0.20	...
Deposit Ord	197.90	208.30	+ 0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.20	146.50	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	316.90	330.20	+ 3.40	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	714.60	752.20	+ 9.30	...
Equity Fund	1395.1	1468.6	+34.80	...
Intl Fund	941.30	990.90	- 3.50	...
Fixed Interest	570.10	600.20	+ 0.70	...
Property Fund	376.70	396.60	...	...
Cash Fund	351.10	369.60	- 0.30	...
Pacific Basin	320.50	337.40	- 5.60	...
N American Fd	225.30	237.20	- 1.70	...
Euro Fund	240.40	253.10	+ 1.90	...
Balanced Fund	143.90	151.50	+ 1.80	...
Strategic Fund	149.40	157.30	+ 1.30	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	1689.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	438.70	461.90	...	...
Op Prop	419.10	441.20	...	...
Op Equity	935.20	984.50	+35.80	...
Op High Yield	570.10	600.20	+ 1.30	...
Op Managed	779.70	820.80	+15.00	...
Op Deposit	377.00	396.90	+ 0.30	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	308.60	324.90	+ 3.30	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	259.40	273.10	-19.70	...

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Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Shs	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	244.90	257.80	+ 2.70	...
Gilt	81.20	85.50	+ 0.20	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	360.40	379.40	+ 3.40	...
Global Bond	117.10	123.30	- 1.00	...
Global (35.34)	164.80	173.50	- 0.50	...
Gold Share	76.60	80.70	- 3.70	...
High Income	298.90	314.70	- 3.90	...
Income	428.70	451.30	- 7.70	...
Japan	429.50	452.20	-51.10	...
UK Smlr Cos	303.40	319.40	+ 4.10	...
Mngd Growth	432.00	454.80	+ 3.30	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3880				
Royal Shield Fd	910.70	963.70	- 9.30	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	364.10	383.20	+ 3.60	...
Equity Fund	509.60	536.40	+ 9.10	...
Property Fund	260.30	273.90	...	...
International	445.20	468.60	- 1.40	...
Pacific Basin	290.70	306.00	- 1.50	...
United States	228.50	240.50	- 0.80	...
Gilt Fund	356.20	374.90	+ 2.90	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	700.50	741.30	+ 0.80	...
Deposit Fund (2)	352.80	373.40	+ 0.20	...
Gilt Fund	508.00	537.60	+ 1.90	...
Global Equity Fd	217.40	230.10	- 1.30	...
Property Fund (46)	89.40	94.70	...	...
AG Bond Fund	140.50	148.70	+ 0.30	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	548.90	577.80	+11.60	...
Fixed Interest	361.10	380.20	- 0.40	...
Index-Linked	196.10	206.50	+ 0.50	...
International	427.60	450.20	-11.00	...
Property	243.70	265.50	+ 9.00	...
Cash	221.60	233.30	+ 0.10	...
Managed	433.90	456.80	+ 3.10	...
Cap Gteed Bd	104.80	110.40	+ 1.80	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	173.82	182.96	+ 0.14	...
Index-Linked	159.50	167.90	+ 0.50	...
Fixed Interest	181.00	190.50	+ 0.60	...
Mixed	239.50	252.10	- 0.50	...
UK Equity	227.90	239.90	+ 5.30	...
International	241.30	254.00	- 3.70	...
American	238.20	250.70	- 2.80	...
Japan	253.60	267.00	-13.40	...
European	227.00	239.00	- 0.30	...
Pacific	336.00	353.70	- 6.70	...
Technology	314.00	330.50	- 2.60	...
Currncy/Currncy	225.70	237.60	- 3.50	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	179.80	189.40	+ 0.30	...
UK Equity	337.90	355.80	+ 6.40	...
American	239.70	252.40	- 4.70	...
Pacific	330.40	347.90	-13.00	...
European	430.20	452.90	+ 3.10	...
International	291.10	306.50	- 3.60	...
Fixed Interest	242.30	255.10	+ 0.10	...
Index Linked	195.10	205.50	+ 0.40	...
Deposit	186.20	196.10	+ 0.30	...
Managed	270.00	284.30	- 1.70	...
Worldwide	118.70	125.00	- 1.10	...
Pen Worldwide	125.30	132.00	- 1.40	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1552.9	1600.9	-63.00	...
Safety Fund	229.70	241.80	- 1.90	...
Growth Fund	217.70	229.20	+ 0.70	...
Opportunity Fd	214.60	225.90	+ 1.20	...
Cash Fund	167.50	176.40	- 0.10	...
European Fund	319.10	335.90	- 3.20	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	198.00	208.50	- 1.80	...
Index-Linked Fd	183.30	193.00	- 0.70	...
International Fd	267.90	282.10	- 6.40	...
North American	232.40	244.70	- 5.20	...
Property Fund	116.90	123.10	- 0.10	...
UK Equity	231.20	243.40	+ 3.70	...
UK Smaller	209.00	220.10	+ 3.60	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	252.50	265.90	+ 1.40	...
Equity	270.40	284.70	+ 4.40	...
International	262.20	276.10	- 1.00	...
Property	196.70	207.20	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	217.70	229.30	+ 1.10	...
Index Linked	177.80	187.20	+ 0.20	...
Cash	180.20	189.80	+ 0.10	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	891.00	891.00	...	...
Inv Pol 2	812.30	855.20	...	...
Inv Pol 3	781.40	822.70	...	...
Inv Cash	300.30	316.20	...	...
Mixed Fund	430.60	453.30	+ 3.80	...
Equity Fund	506.00	532.80	+ 8.80	...
Property Fund	206.80	217.80	+ 0.20	...
International Fd	452.70	476.60	- 4.70	...
Fixed Interest Fd	371.70	391.30	+ 2.30	...
Indexed Stock Fd	198.10	208.60	+ 1.10	...
Cash Fund	218.00	230.20	+ 0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	355.00	373.60	+ 1.90	...
Equity Acc	404.80	426.10	+ 5.30	...
International Acc	330.70	348.10	- 2.30	...
Property	208.30	219.20	+ 0.20	...
Royal Trust Mg	229.90	242.00	+ 1.60	...

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STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	258.40	272.00	+ 0.20	...
Equity	948.10	998.00	+18.20	...
European	153.50	161.60	+ 1.10	...
Far East	161.50	170.00	- 3.90	...
Fixed Interest	395.40	416.30	+ 0.70	...
Index Linked	205.10	215.90	+ 0.40	...
International	578.50	609.00	- 6.00	...
Managed	663.20	698.20	+ 6.70	...
Nth American	140.90	148.40	- 1.30	...
Property	313.80	330.40	+ 2.00	...
Pensions				
Cash	397.00	417.90	- 0.40	...
Equity	1352.7	1423.9	+29.80	...
European	183.30	193.00	+ 1.20	...
Far East	127.60	134.40	- 3.70	...
Fixed Interest	529.50	557.40	+ 1.00	...
Index Linked	283.90	298.90	+ 0.50	...
International	810.60	853.30	-10.80	...
Managed	922.10	970.70	+10.40	...
Nth American	175.80	185.10	- 1.90	...
Property	399.50	420.60	+ 0.90	...
Stock Exchange	208.80	219.80	+ 2.40	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	617.40	649.90	+ 3.90	...
Equity Fund	824.40	867.80	+13.30	...
Fixed Interest Fd	416.30	438.30	+ 2.10	...
Index-Linked Fd	301.40	317.30	+ 0.50	...
Property Fund	427.30	449.80	- 0.80	...
International Fd	593.90	625.20	- 4.80	...
N American Fd	225.20	237.10	- 3.50	...
Far East Fund	208.90	219.90	- 3.00	...
Deposit Fund	283.10	298.00	+ 0.40	...
International Bd	£80.26	...	+ 0.69	...
Worldwide Bond	161.30	169.80	- 3.20	...
Worldwide Fincl	79.20	83.40	...	...
Worldwide Tech	94.10	99.10	...	...
European	148.30	156.20	+ 0.90	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	609.70	641.90	+ 8.80	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	450.70	479.70	+47.90	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	†482.90	...	- 0.80	...
-do- Acc	†458.40	...	- 0.80	...
Agricultural Fd	†766.40	...	+ 0.90	...
-do- Acc	†736.40	...	+ 0.90	...
Abbey Nat Fd	†387.10	...	- 0.20	...
Abbey Nat Acc	†410.80	...	- 0.20	...
Investment Fd	†326.60	...	+ 2.00	...
Investment (A)	†314.10	...	+ 1.90	...
Equity	†1191.8	...	+18.40	...
Equity Acc	†1144.6	...	+17.60	...
Money Fund	†448.60	...	+ 0.40	...
-do- Acc	†430.10	...	+ 0.40	...
Actuarial Fd	†552.90	...	+ 4.00	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	†388.50	...	+ 1.90	...
-do- Acc	†388.50	...	+ 1.90	...
Retire Annuity	†1014.4	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	†304.50	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	†216.90	...	+ 0.20	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	†1398.1	...	+39.10	...
Managed Acc	†774.10	...	...	...
Equity Account	†1087.3	...	...	...
Mngd Fund Acc	358.60	377.50	...	...
Equity Fund Acc	478.70	503.90	...	...
Prop Fund Acc	222.80	234.50	...	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	302.70	318.60	...	...
Money Fund Acc	213.40	224.60	...	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	206.00	216.90	...	...
Pens Pens Acct	†1742.5	...	+21.60	...
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Insurers not thrilled by holiday sport

A spur of the moment decision to shoot the rapids or go ballooning could leave you open to an expensive insurance loophole, says Margaret Dibben

If you find it extremely exhilarating, the insurance company may well feel exactly the same way," says Martin Mills, business manager of Home & Overseas, a holiday insurance specialist. While many of the sports available on holiday are covered by a general insurance policy, some of them are simply too exciting for the insurance companies.

Mr Mills adds: "Bungy jumping we will not insure at all. Nor hang-gliding. Hot-air ballooning is becoming more popular but we would definitely want an additional premium for that. For white-water rafting and scuba diving we would want to know where you were going and the type of operation. We are not at all happy about pot-holing."

Keith Betton, public affairs manager at the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA), explains that there has been something of an explosion in risky ventures: "Activity holidays are particularly popular with people who are under stress at work. They can't relax by lying on a beach."

Mr Betton was himself attracted to a dangerous sport on the spur of the moment without arranging additional insurance: "In the Caribbean, a girl on the beach was offering free five-minute scuba diving lessons," he says. "Various blokes had agreed and I didn't want to look a wimp so I accepted. I was hooked."

He adds: "I heard of a case where a chap had an attack of asthma while he was under water, came up quickly, got the bends and had to be flown to hospital on another island. The bill was £6,000 and, although he had taken insurance specially for the dive, he wasn't covered. He said he was fully fit, whereas he had had asthma since he was a child."

As well as compensation for lost luggage, cancellation and delay, holiday insurance policies pay medical expenses for accident and illness, and a lump sum in the case of death, loss of an eye or limb in an accident, or injuries resulting in inability to work. Exclusion clauses are the ones to watch. With a summer holiday package insurance, winter sports, mountaineering and racing are excluded. So is "hazardous adventure", which can be interpreted in many ways.

Few people now buy insurance through tour operators' brochures but those who do can assume that the policies have been priced to allow for any sports advertised in the book. Most buy from travel agents and increasingly through banks, building societies and credit card companies, which produce block policies for all travellers. These policies are priced competitively but the cheaper they are, the less they will cover. Steve Nickerson, sales director of Accident & General, explains: "If you look through the policy wording of cheap insurance, you will start to find bits that are excluded."

Travel agents earn about 10 per cent commission if the insurance is bought from the tour operator's brochure. But

'Scuba diving and pot-holing usually attract a double premium'

on the travel agent's own policy, the company can impose whatever level of mark-up it likes.

With all policies, it is essential to confirm what they cover before embarking on the holiday. Even if the holiday insurance is already bought, it is not too late to check and, if necessary, amend the policy. Mr Mills advises: "It is much better to change the policy than find a problem later." Details can be checked with the travel agent or direct with the tour operator or insurance company. Abbey National's travel insurance policy gives a telephone number which holidaymakers can call from abroad to check on the spot.

Generally, holiday insurance will pay out for accidents from impulse sports, but not for high-risk activities. Unless a higher initial premium has been paid, a holiday embarked on with the intention that most of it will be spent taking part in a sport would not be covered. Two weeks in Europe costs between £20 and £25 a person for a general holiday policy and the additions vary. It could be an extra £10 for most sports, though Mr Nickerson says: "Scuba diving and pot-holing are particularly hazardous and normally attract a double premium."

Accident & General has a special high-risk sports policy, ActivityGuard, which includes scuba diving and white-water rafting. The less risky sports of abseiling, parascending and rugby cost £21.45 for nine days in Europe; microlighting and hot air ballooning cost an extra 15 per cent; and the highest risk activities — such as hang-gliding, ski jumping, heli-skiing and rock climbing — an additional 40 per cent.

Nobody will insure for bungy jumping but white-water rafting and scuba diving will be covered, provided they are undertaken in a well-organised group with trained leaders. Mr Mills says: "We accept typical beach activities but it comes down to common sense and if it's a beach hut with a couple of guys and a boat charging 25 per cent less than the hotel, it should set alarm bells ringing."

Insurance for rented motor cycles is under discussion. Mr Mills says: "Our policy wording varies at present and we want to clarify this for next year. We haven't firmly decided yet but the likely result will exclude motor cycling on machines above 125cc although, if we are pushed by our clients on the ratings, we will exclude them altogether, even mopeds."

Holiday policies will insure for personal liability, which compensates the holders for any money which has to be paid because of accidents they have caused. But it might not if a dangerous sport is involved, or if there is a degree of responsibility. On a flotilla holiday, if a policy holder accidentally knocked someone overboard and they drowned, they would be insured for their liability. But if they were in charge of the boat and mowed down a smaller craft, they would not.



SPECTRUM

White knuckle risk: well organised adventure sports may escape extra insurance premiums, but many holiday activities will not be covered

Taking to the open road with peace of mind

INSURANCE is needed when a car is taken or hired abroad (Margaret Dibben writes).

Owner drivers should tell the insurance company before going, then their policy will be extended to driving in Europe at the same level of cover as at home, whether this is fully comprehensive or third party, fire and theft. Failure to inform the insurer means that only the legal minimum level of cover will be available.

Strictly, a green card, an international insurance certificate which proves that the car has at least the minimum legal motor insurance, is no longer needed, but it is still advisable to take one as it is recognised by local police. Many insurers provide one free — General Accident gives 45 days' free cover — although some charge.

An accident in Spain could mean arrest or the car being impounded. To get out of trouble, hand over a bail bond, which can be bought from the insurance company before the journey. This might be free or cost about £1.50 for £500 worth of bail.

There is a one-in-20 chance of breaking down while driving, most probably due to engine failure, so additional breakdown insurance may be needed. The average cost of holiday repairs, says General Accident, is £375.

Hiring a car abroad is trickier. A short-term policy which insures everyone who might be driving the car if it is involved in an accident, causes injury to individuals or damage to the hire car is required. A check should also be made on the minimum excess that might have to be paid on a claim.

On top of the legal minimum, the very least the insurance should include is collision damage waiver, so that accident repairs are covered; and theft protection, so that the car is covered if it is stolen. If personal possessions are stolen from a car, they can usually be replaced under a holiday insurance policy, but only if they were locked in the car boot at the time. A check should also be made on whether the insurance, car documents and driving licence, need to be kept with the driver at all times. Some countries fine on the spot if the paperwork is not available.

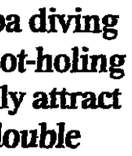
There may be additional costs when picking up the hire car. The most common extra charges are for personal accident insurance, which can be optional, but is essential in the United States where court awards are enormous. Third party liability can be topped up through a travel agent before the journey. In America, state taxes and local rental surcharges may also have to be paid.

Nobody under 21 can hire a car abroad and in some countries the minimum age is 23 or 25. There are also upper age limits which can be as low as 65 or 70.

Weekend Money is edited by Rose Wild

Time to woo first-time buyers

COMMENT



LINDSAY COOK
Deputy Business Editor

If estate agents were as good at selling houses as their own businesses, the housing market might be in healthier shape today.

Cast your mind back to the late 1980s when even broom cupboards sold for giddy prices. Gullible buyers borrowed up to seven times their incomes to get a ride on the housing escalator, only to find the up staircase suddenly plummeting down.

But if the borrowers were foolish, the lenders were doubly so. Banks and building societies went on their own spending spree just before the property crash, buying estate agents' businesses for vastly inflated prices.

Abbey National, which bought more than 300 estate agency branches at an average of £334,000 an office in 1987, this week sold them to two estate agents for an average of £23,000 a time. The sums do not make good reading for anyone except estate agents. Abbey National, like the Prudential before it, has lost more than £250 million trying to develop the largest chain of estate agents in the country.

The estate agents now snapping up the Abbey National's property shops sold out to Royal Life at the height of the market. They are not the first to sell dear and buy back cheap. There are still plenty of bargains to be had. TSB and Bristol & West are still looking for buyers for their estate agencies.

These banks and building societies will look very foolish if the housing market now takes off. All the signs are there. Houses are at their cheapest for decades. Retail sales are on the up. Homebuyers may cast caution aside in a moment as soon as confidence in property returns.

For the time-being, young first-time buyers can really have it all. They can leapfrog older homeowners saddled with negative equity on their one-bedroom flats and move straight into family houses in almost every part of the country. But they are not doing so. Banks and building societies are so paranoid about being landed with bad risks that they are turning away copper-bottomed customers. First-time borrowers with substantial deposits are kept waiting and then refused a mortgage. Some are charged thousands of pounds in insurance in case they do a bunk without meeting their payments. The premiums are higher now than ever before, even though market prices have already fallen 30 per cent in five years.

Estate agents, lenders and vendors should be wooing first-time buyers. They must address the worry that the housing market will never be the same again. It will not. Customers want to know that they are buying well and that the property they choose will not lose value.

It is probably a comfort to everyone except the Abbey National that its estate agency never brought the expected bonanza of new mortgage applicants. In fact, the Abbey estimates that the proportion of properties being mortgaged to the Abbey was no higher than from other estate agents.

It is a sign that buyers are no longer as gullible as they were in the heady days of the property boom. They shop around for the mortgage to suit them, not the one that offers estate agents a double commission bonanza. Also, they are at last beginning to look for homes in which they can live for years rather than "surefire investment opportunities".

Legislation now controls the worst excesses of the property salesmen, who have to give accurate assessments of properties or risk being prosecuted and forced to pay compensation.

Now that the agents are moving back into business on their own account and putting their own money at risk it might be reasonable to assume that the housing market has finally bottomed.

Stock reaction

The reader who had been hearing of the August rally in the stock market wanted the figures put into perspective. Did a 50-point rise in the FT-SE mean she could make almost 2 per cent a day on her money? If she invested £100,000 a year ago what would she have now?

It is frightening how quickly ordinary cautious people want to join a bandwagon, how much they want to believe that they too can make a fortune. Alongside a buoyant market, the rogues of yesteryear are preparing to restore their fortunes at the expense of naive investors. Meanwhile stockbrokers report too many buyers chasing too little stock as most sellers sit back and watch the prices rise.

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23 May 1969	£1,000	£1,000	£40	£40	£40
1969	1,028	1,136	280	285	304
1970	1,080	1,176	760	792	776
1971	1,134	1,920	1,240	1,324	1,924
1972	1,190	2,664	1,720	1,883	3,187
1973	1,268	2,272	2,200	2,504	3,118
1974	1,356	1,512	2,680	3,196	2,434
1975	1,466	2,640	3,160	3,930	4,825
1976	1,571	2,720	3,640	4,709	5,430
1977	1,682	5,960	4,120	5,542	12,536
1978	1,793	7,424	4,600	6,402	16,128
1979	1,947	8,920	5,080	7,458	19,831
1980	2,154	10,256	5,560	8,757	23,260
1981	2,356	12,000	6,040	10,084	27,690
1982	2,568	11,424	6,520	11,494	26,796
1983	2,759	16,272	7,000	12,843	38,694
1984	2,976	21,472	7,480	14,357	51,572
1985	3,240	27,080	7,960	16,135	65,543
1986	3,496	40,152	8,440	17,910	97,702
1987	3,768	50,136	8,920	19,798	122,427
1988	4,037	59,232	9,400	21,713	145,130
1989	4,418	72,616	9,880	24,267	178,404
1990	4,895	58,880	10,360	27,399	145,066
1991	5,308	62,400	10,840	30,208	154,167
1992	5,650	76,960	11,320	32,649	190,664
30 July 1993	5,796*	95,200	11,600	33,775*	236,144

Notes: All figures include re-invested income net of basic-rate tax. M&G Recovery figures show the return to the investor. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (Source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). The regular savings figures exclude the last payment and all payments apart from the first are made on the last business day of the month.
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A nose for a bargain: a canine companion may be a man's only friend in the new world of car boot sales where professionals are increasingly on the prowl

Sniffing out the dastardly dog faker

Car boot sales are a massively expanding economy, as well as a hotbed of dodgy deals. But, **Liz Dolan** says, help is on hand for the amateur trader

CHEATS, frauds and hard-nosed professionals are rapidly taking over the previously amateur world of the car boot sale, a trading standards officer has warned.

Stephen Playle, of the London Borough of Havering, is calling for legislation forcing all boot traders to be licensed to make them comply with the trading standards already governing other retailers. Among other things, this should help prevent the sale of unsafe electrical gadgets and allow customers to exchange faulty goods.

Alan Street, chief executive of the Institute of Trading Standards, says that changes in the regulations are unlikely to affect ordinary people selling the contents of their attics. "Our officers can quickly distinguish between professional traders and people selling their own stuff. In any case, although I understand what Mr Playle is calling for, in the present political climate further regulation is unlikely to be granted."

In theory, anyone selling pre-purchased goods is already classed as a professional trader, and subject to trading standards regulations. In practice, "the main problem at the moment is finding the staff to police boot sales, especially as they tend to take place at weekends", Mr Street says.

He suggests a system of registration for all traders. In addition, sale organisers may be forced to record the names and addresses of every stallholder, and ensure that none is operating a business.

More than a million people attend car boot sales each week, and the numbers are growing. Annual sales are more than £1 billion — about a quarter of the estimated total black economy turnover. Stolen goods are thought to account for a fifth of the items on sale.

These statistics are recorded in *£500 a Week from Car Boot Sales*, in which author Roger Morgan paints a lurid picture of the criminals, tax dodgers and fraudsters who inhabit the world of the professional "booter".

There are the "rippers", who "accidentally" damage goods to create a diversion, allowing their partners, the "slippers", to take advantage of the fuss to steal an expensive item. "If something breaks, look anywhere but the accident," Mr Morgan advises.

Then there are the "dog fakers", who keep a store of non-functioning duplicates of common items and use them to con money out of innocent stallholders. They buy genuine articles from unsuspecting traders at the beginning of the day and demand their money back later on, passing off the duds as the items purchased earlier.

As well as describing a host of hazards and dodges awaiting the unsuspecting trader or bargain-hunter, Mr Morgan offers tips, ranging from the practical to the virtually immoral. Among the more respectable are:

- ☐ Traders should keep their tempers, entertain customers and avoid arguments.
- ☐ Cash is the only safe currency.
- ☐ The best pitch is fourth along from a food stall "because that's where most people stop and munch".
- ☐ The aim should be for a fast turnover, or capital is tied up and storage can be a problem. Small items normally sell faster than bulky ones.
- ☐ Beware of "unicorns" — apparently fascinating objects that subsequently prove impossible to sell. Mr Morgan cites a fake stuffed camel, bought by a fellow trader for £50 and "still, as far as I know, rotting away in his garden".
- ☐ Jumble sales are a good source of stock, especially when run by well organised bodies with wealthy connections, or high profile causes such as the Conservative party, Scouts or Guide Dogs for the Blind.

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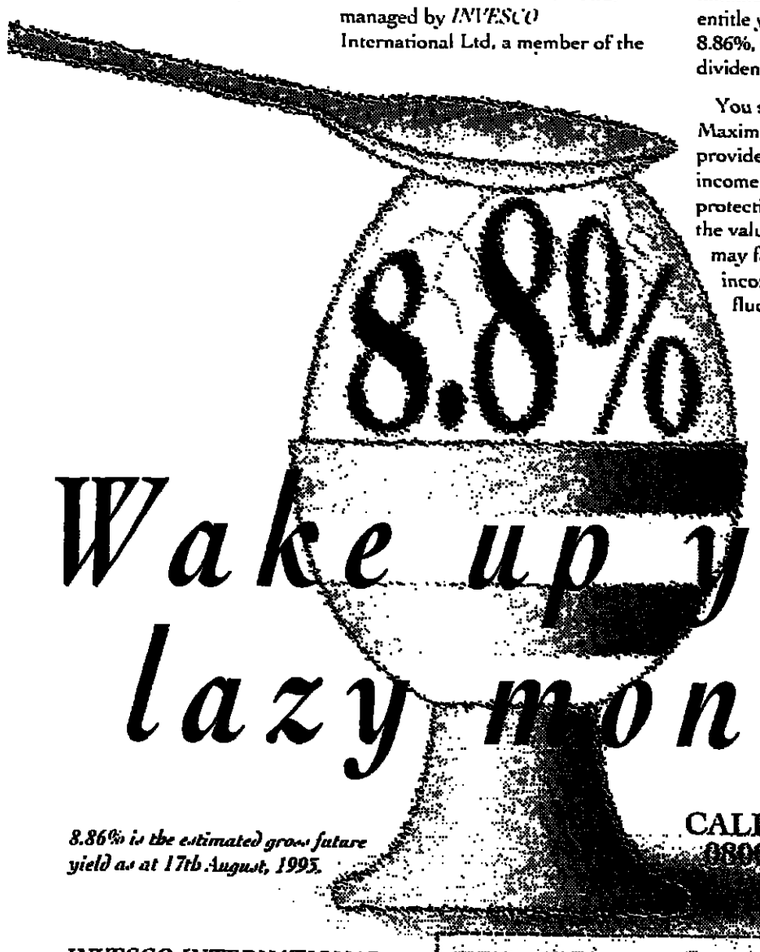
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Their money was used to set up companies that bought properties to rent out on assured tenancies over five years. At the end of the period, the properties were supposed to be sold, the profit shared between the investors, and the company liquidated.

High returns were promised by sponsors on the back of rising property prices. But just when the companies need to start selling them to give investors their return, the price of some of properties is likely to have fallen by more than 30 per cent, especially in the South East.

High management charges have also eroded investors' potential profit. Many will have made a loss.

Investors in Allied Dunbar's £50 million Linked Assured Homes BES are among the first to discover that they are likely to make a loss. Allied Dunbar has 2,800 investors in the scheme's 600 companies.

One investor, who preferred not to be named, has been told by Allied Dunbar that she has lost an estimated £1,535 of the £10,000 she invested in 1989, in spite of getting tax relief both on her investment and on the loan interest. Of her £10,000, £2,000 was her own money and £8,000 was a loan from Lloyds Bank, which she has had to arrange to repay from other funds. Until she pays back the loan, she will continue to be charged interest.

The scheme was sold to her by an Allied Dunbar salesman as a "must" for higher rate taxpayers. She was advised to move quickly to take advantage.

Two years later, when she contacted the salesman, he said she should contact head office as he did not know the details of the scheme in question. Allied Dunbar said he would have had two days' training on it, and passed an exam.

Investors were told in June by Allied Dunbar that its "favoured approach is to sell properties in the open market at the earliest opportunity and liquidate the companies", although it does not strictly speaking have to do this before next year.

Any increase in the value of the properties would not go to the investors, but instead to a consortium of insurance companies that had provided some cover against falls in the value of the properties.

Under the insurance policy, investors have to pay the first 5 per cent of any loss in value. The insurance policy will pay the next 25 per cent and any further losses have to be met by the investors.

John Spiers, editor of *BESt Investment*, the specialist magazine, says: "On average, people in Allied Dunbar will not have made money." Most people in Allied Dunbar and other similar schemes had taken out loans to finance their investment. But "interest rates went higher than anyone expected and returns lower". Schemes without insurance against falls in property values will be worst hit, he says.

Allied Dunbar says: "Clearly, this investment has been a disappointment. No one could have foreseen the downturn in the property market and the only redeeming feature is the existence of the capital value insurance policy."

> 'Some properties owned by BES companies are likely to be facing falls of more than 30 per cent'

Allied Dunbar also admits that administration expenses have wiped out any benefit investors may have gained from renting out the properties. In the year to March 31, rental income for one of its companies was £4,131 but administration fees totalled £6,813. A non-refundable upfront fee was paid to Allied Dunbar, the managing agent, and Williams de Broë, the sponsor.

Business expansion schemes are now being heavily marketed before the venture is abolished at the end of this year. But most of these are of the newer variety, which have a guaranteed exit price.

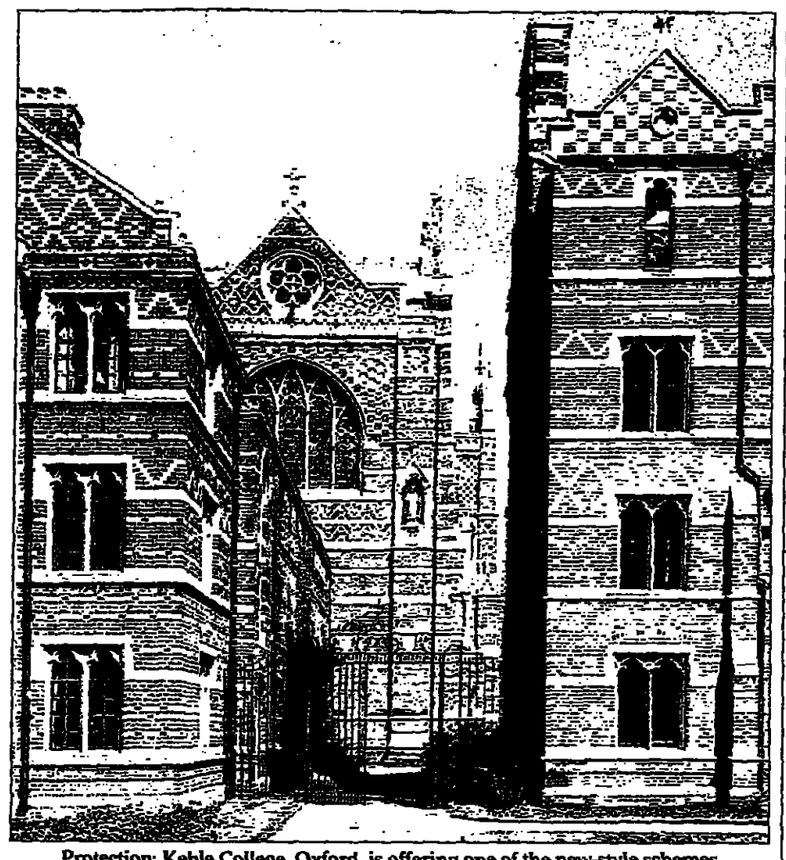
This means that organisations, often universities and colleges, such as Keble College, Oxford, which is offering a scheme through Johnson Fry, contract to buy back from BES companies at a specified price properties they have been using to house students or other tenants.

This reduces, but does not remove, the risk, since there is always the possibility that an institution will not be able to afford the guaranteed exit price. Investors in the earlier schemes, however, lacked even this partial safeguard, and profits depended on property prices.

BES investors can obtain tax relief at their highest marginal rate, providing they hold their investment for five years. However, many of the investors who went into the schemes in the late 1980s took advantage of a further tax break that allowed them to take out a loan to finance their investment and receive tax relief on the interest payments. This tax break was heavily marketed before being stopped in the 1989 Budget.

An estimated £125 million was invested in these schemes in 1988-9 alone, according to *BESt Investment*.

In theory, the sale of the properties was meant to cover the repayment of the loan as well as leaving some over. Instead, investors are likely to have to find the money from elsewhere.



Protection: Keble College, Oxford, is offering one of the new-style schemes

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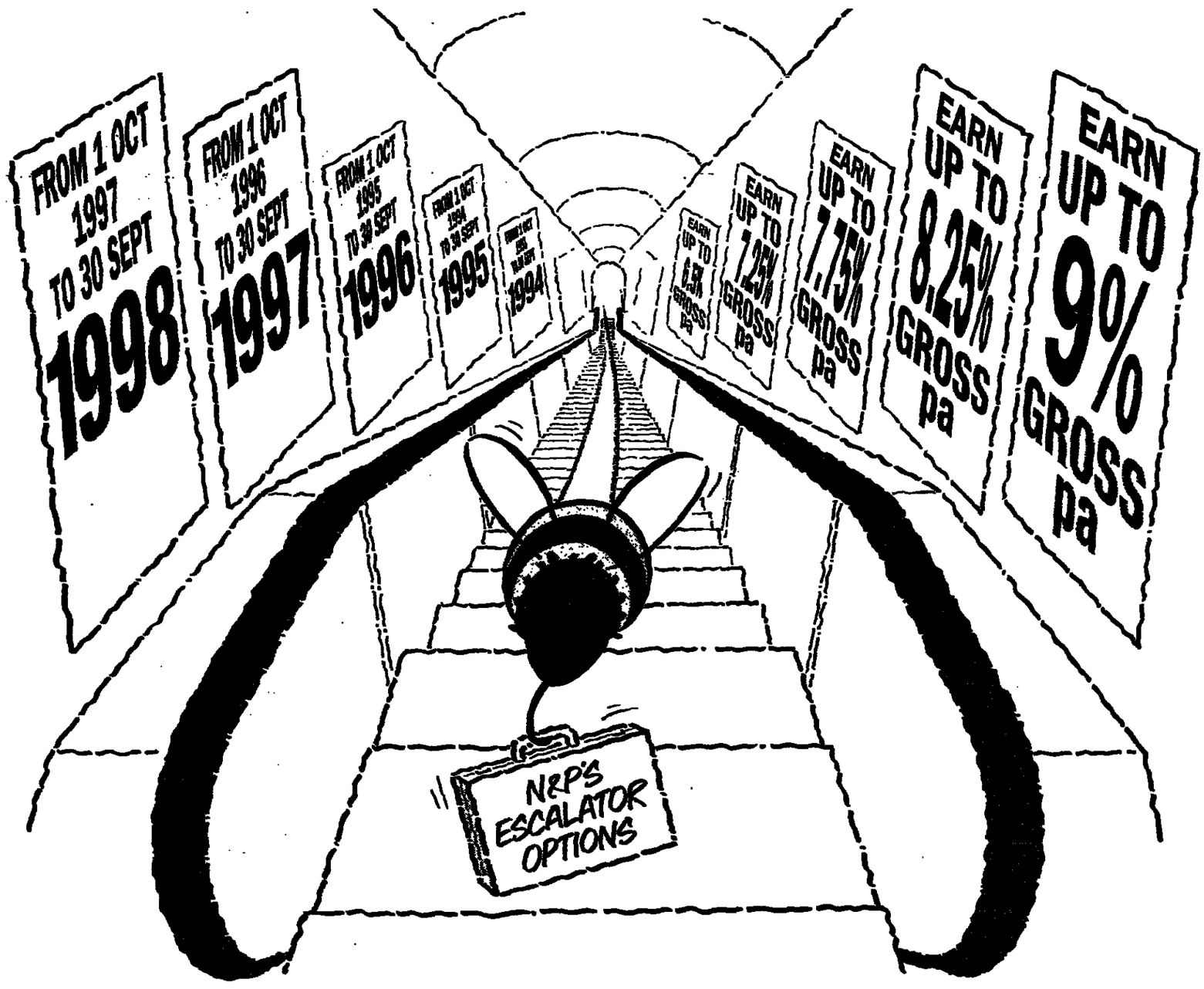
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Penalty shootout against the bank

Customers can pay dearly for settling loans early. **Liz Dolan** reports

THE heavy penalties imposed on people who repay bank loans before the settlement date are a fertile source of disagreement between lender and borrower.

Unfortunately for the outraged borrower, the bank is normally able to prove that it has a legal right to penalise customers in this way. However, this should not prevent borrowers with reason to believe they have been unfairly treated from challenging the lender's decision.

Last month, the banking ombudsman found that the Bank of Scotland had wrongly tried to extract £8,000 from Peter Hart, a customer, when he attempted to pay off a five-year £43,000 loan after little more than a year. Mr Hart said that the original agreement made no reference to penalties for early repayment, other than a "minimum administration charge" of £250.

He said: "The Bank of Scotland tried to maintain that, because the administration fee mentioned was for a minimum, rather than a set, amount, it could also be expanded to include a 'breakage charge' if the loan was repaid early. They denied that this was a penalty clause, but they were just splitting hairs. I said: 'I'm an accountant and I know that an administration fee cannot incorporate a breakage charge.' I specifically noticed that the loan agreement had no penalty clause when I signed it."

The ombudsman decided that Mr Hart was obliged to pay interest only to the date of repayment, plus the £250 charge. The bank had had no right to charge a penalty for early repayment because none had been mentioned on the original agreement.

Mr Hart is now concerned that other borrowers who signed similar agreements with the bank may have been penalised in the same way, and are unaware of the ombudsman's findings. "There must be hundreds of people in my position, and I think they should be alerted."

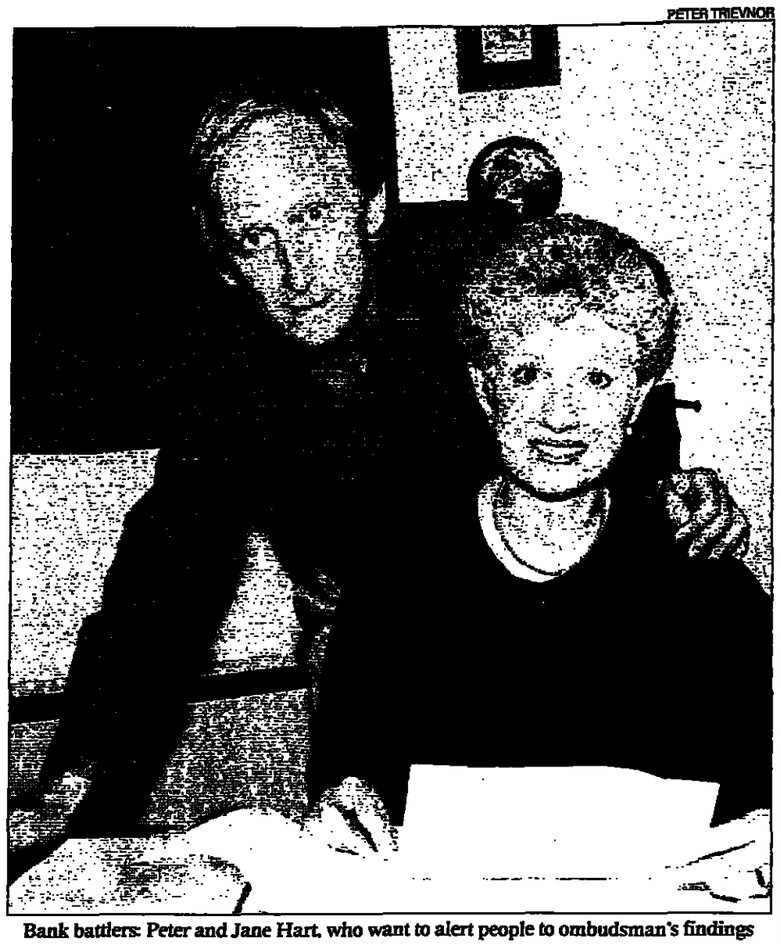
The bank will not say whether any other customers have signed similar agreements, or whether any have been wrongly charged for early repayment.

It said: "We will continue to judge each case on its merits. In this case, we obviously got it wrong. It is now definitely our policy to always indicate the existence of any penalties."

For loans up to £15,000, lenders are obliged to use a set formula, laid down in the Consumer Credit Act 1974, when calculating penalties incurred through early repayment.

The formula laid down in the Act is contained in an OFT booklet, *Consumer Credit Act 1974: Matters arising during the lifetime of an agreement.*

PETER TREVNOR



Bank battlers: Peter and Jane Hart, who want to alert people to ombudsman's findings

Why widows are turning to lawyers for financial advice

CAUTIONARY tales about financial advisers are helping to drive investors into the arms of their solicitors, accountants and other alternative sources of financial guidance (Liz Dolan writes).

Cripps Harries Hall, the Tunbridge Wells solicitor, is one of many firms currently making rather more than a crust from this lucrative sideline. From small beginnings five years ago, one fifth of its total income now comes from financial services.

David Lough, a former City banker, who was responsible for building up the firm's investment business, explains: "A lot of our clients are elderly widows who feel much safer with solicitors. We've found there is an instinctive level of trust. Many people of retirement age don't want to look up *Financial Times* prices every day, or wade through, and make decisions about, every leaflet that pops through their letterbox. They'd much rather we did it all for them."

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Solicitors who provide this type of service are subject to tougher regulations than ordinary financial advisers. For instance, commission paid by any third party must be declared to the client, who has the right to keep the commission. This is not quite as exciting as it sounds, as they also have to pay fees for the service provided, but at least there are no hidden charges.

They also enjoy unlimited cover for financial loss due to negligence. All partners in a firm of solicitors are liable for clients' losses and, "when they're down to their last pair of cufflinks", the Law Society's compensation procedures take effect, Mr Lough says.

In addition, solicitors are bound to provide impartial advice and cannot, therefore, tie themselves to certain insurance, or pension, providers.

However, as with any other profession, solicitors vary in the quality of advice given. To provide extra safeguards, Mr Lough is launching a new organisation, the Association of Solicitor Investment Managers (ASIM), which will demand certain standards of all its members. These will include recognised qualifications for all investment staff, plus proper regulation.

Fifteen firms, who between them manage £500 million of investments for clients, met last month to set up the association. Since then, about 30 others have shown an interest. The first directory of members will be available in mid-September, but the association will not be launched officially until the beginning of next year. Those interested in obtaining the directory should write to: Mrs Heather Martin, ASIM, Baldocks, Chiddingstone Causeway, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 8JX.

The amount of investment business done by accountants is still very small, says Roland Cryer, deputy director of financial services at the Institute of Chartered Accountants. He says: "Some are very good at it, but most don't bother. They're in a very good position to offer investment advice, but many still tend to be shy of doing so. They know a lot about their clients' situation — they haven't just come in off the streets — and all accountants have to be au fait with tax law."

Chartered accountants offer some of the same advantages as solicitors. They are bound by "fairly detailed ethical guidelines" set by the ICA. They have to give details of any commission earned, though this does not have to be offered to the client. They also have to offer impartial advice.

"We welcome the use of any outlets that give independent financial advice," says a spokesman for IFA Promotion, the independent financial advisers' organisation. Asked about the danger of financial advisers recommending products because of the commission, he points out: "You could say getting your solicitor to advise you about your pension was equally risky."

Ideally, everyone should "test market" about five advisers before making financial decisions, he says, but concedes that few people go to these lengths.

BRIEFING

Shares in the first Australian indexed fund to be quoted on the Australian stock market (ASX) are on offer to European investors until August 30. The launch of the fund, which tracks the 50 largest ASX stocks on the market, has been timed to take advantage of economic recovery, says Gareth Pocock of Panmure Gordon, the issuing UK broker. The minimum investment is A$2,000 (about £890) and the annual management charge is 0.5 per cent.

☐ Allied Dunbar's new *Tax Handbook 1993-94* claims to achieve the feat of making tax planning simple. Editions are planned annually. The guide, published by Longman at £19.99, is a competitor to the longstanding J Rothschild guides, the latest of which has also just been published, by Chapmans at £18.99.

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Make a stink or pay through the nose

Liz Dolan reports on efforts to mobilise an army of angry shoppers and taxpayers

CONSUMER organisations this week gave a cautious welcome to the decision by Peter Sutherland, new chief of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, to go over the heads of warring governments, industrialists and farmers and appeal directly to ordinary people.

But, wearied by years of trying to get anyone who would listen to take consumers into account during trade negotiations, neither the Consumers' Association nor the National Consumers Council is preparing to uncork the champagne just yet.

Announcing the publication of a hard-hitting, easy-to-understand report, *Trade, the Uruguay Round and the Consumer*, Mr Sutherland said: "I cannot help thinking if governments were to announce that they were deliberately keeping prices high, there would be a public outcry — but that, in effect, is what they are doing in failing to conclude the Uruguay Round."

One of the problems Mr Sutherland is likely to face in his attempts to mobilise an army of angry shoppers and taxpayers is that trade barriers are just not sexy. The NCC, which has published countless figures, pamphlets and reports on the subject over the years, said: "We've found all our work on international trade a complete nightmare to get across to the average consumer. It's just so big and inaccessible."

Stephen Locke, head of policy unit at the Consumers' Association, said: "There's only so much you can do to get consumers interested. We've addressed the subject a couple of times in *Which?* over the past year, but there has been very little response. Part of the problem is that multimillions of people would gain if trade barriers came down, but only by a relatively small amount per head. The people who would lose, such as farmers and industrialists, are fewer in number, but stand to lose a fortune."

Data quoted in the report are often of too general a nature to touch the hearts and minds of the individual consumer.

It says, for instance, that protectionism adds nearly £35 a year to the annual clothes bill of a British family of four — or £20 to the same family's weekly food and taxes burden. But it is not able to focus on the effects on a pound of butter or a dozen eggs.

The NCC faced similar problems when collecting information for its latest book on the subject, *International Trade: The Consumer Agenda*, published in May. It says: "One of our main problems is simply getting hold of information. No one is actually collating food figures, for instance. We are trying to bring together various threads of research, but it isn't easy."

The Gatt report, subtitled *The Sting — How Governments Buy Votes with the Consumer*, goes some way to address the myth that protectionism is a vital tool in the war against unemployment, an argument with which the French appear particularly enamoured.

Mr Sutherland says: "The reality is that the cost of saving a job in terms of higher taxes and prices is frequently far higher than the wage paid to the worker concerned." For instance, the report estimates that to "save" a single job in the UK clothing sector costs around £21,000.

In addition, says the NCC: "The majority of jobs lost in the British textiles industry, for instance, have not gone to emerging nations, but to Italy, an EC country against which we're unable to put up barriers."



Food for thought: no one has ever managed to make trade barriers a sexy enough subject to interest the shopper

There's a way in a will to hold on to homes abroad

BY ANN CABORN

Britons buying second homes abroad are becoming aware of the need to seek good legal advice about the purchase. But few consider what will happen to the property when they die.

Yet punitive taxes, automatic rights of inheritance, or, at the very least, costly and time consuming legal proceedings await those who do not consider the estate implications — preferably when they buy.

In Spain, the inheritance tax bill starts at 7.65 per cent and rises steeply in scale, depending on the size of the estate and the degree of the relationship. Married partners pay more than children.

Colin Whyman, a solicitor and manager of CMH Spain, the specialist Spanish department at Champion, Miller and Honey in Tenderden, Kent, said: "I'm constantly perplexed by the level of inheritance tax and its very complicated calculation. There is no concept in Spanish law of joint tenancy as there is in English law. So when a husband dies a wife isn't automatically entitled to his share of the property." It is possible to avoid the tax by not officially declaring the death for five years, but during those years all other taxes and obligations relating to that person and their property in Spain must be paid.



Home truths: the TV Mayles may have few problems, but others are not so lucky

Mr Whyman recommends that a Spanish will, limited to the Spanish estate, is made to save time and costs.

Gerard Barron, an English solicitor who has qualified as a French lawyer and practises in Boulogne, said: "In England, one assumes you can make a will and give property to whom one likes. But in France there are preferential and compulsory rights which cannot be avoided."

A proportion of the estate must go to any children — whatever any will may say. Without a will, the surviving spouse may, at best, get a life interest in a quarter of the estate. British wills can be recognised by the French courts, but there are costs involved. Mr Barron said: "It's simpler and cheaper to have a French will than get second probate on an English will."

The rules covering French estates can be avoided using a *tontine*, or survivorship agreement. "But this has to be agreed at the time the property is conveyed to you." Even then, there are knock-on tax implications for any eventual inheritor.

The Inland Revenue does have double taxation agreements with many countries. Even if no double taxation agreement exists, there is specific legislation that allows a tax credit. This means that tax paid on a foreign property can count against any British tax bill on the estate, but only that proportion of the British tax bill that is effectively accounted for by the value of the second home. A second home abroad also counts towards the value of the British estate for tax purposes. According to the Inland Revenue, those estates that include property abroad have usually been taxable in the UK as well. However, with more and more Britons of relatively modest means following the lure of the Peter Mayle trail and buying properties abroad, there may well occur cases where there is little or no tax bill to pay in Britain and the tax credit is effectively lost.

Florida is growing in popularity as a holiday home location. According to Laurie Valentine, a Florida lawyer and estate law expert who practices in St Petersburgh, it is not a good idea to have a second will drawn up in Florida to deal with the property there. "In my opinion, it is more appropriate to have one will to avoid conflict."

It would, however, be helpful to choose an executor, known in most American states as a personal representative, who would be eligible to administer the Florida estate.

As non-residents, estate duty could be due, even if the transfer was between a husband and wife. "UK nationals are not considered resident or citizens and in this case only $60,000 of property is exempt from taxation."

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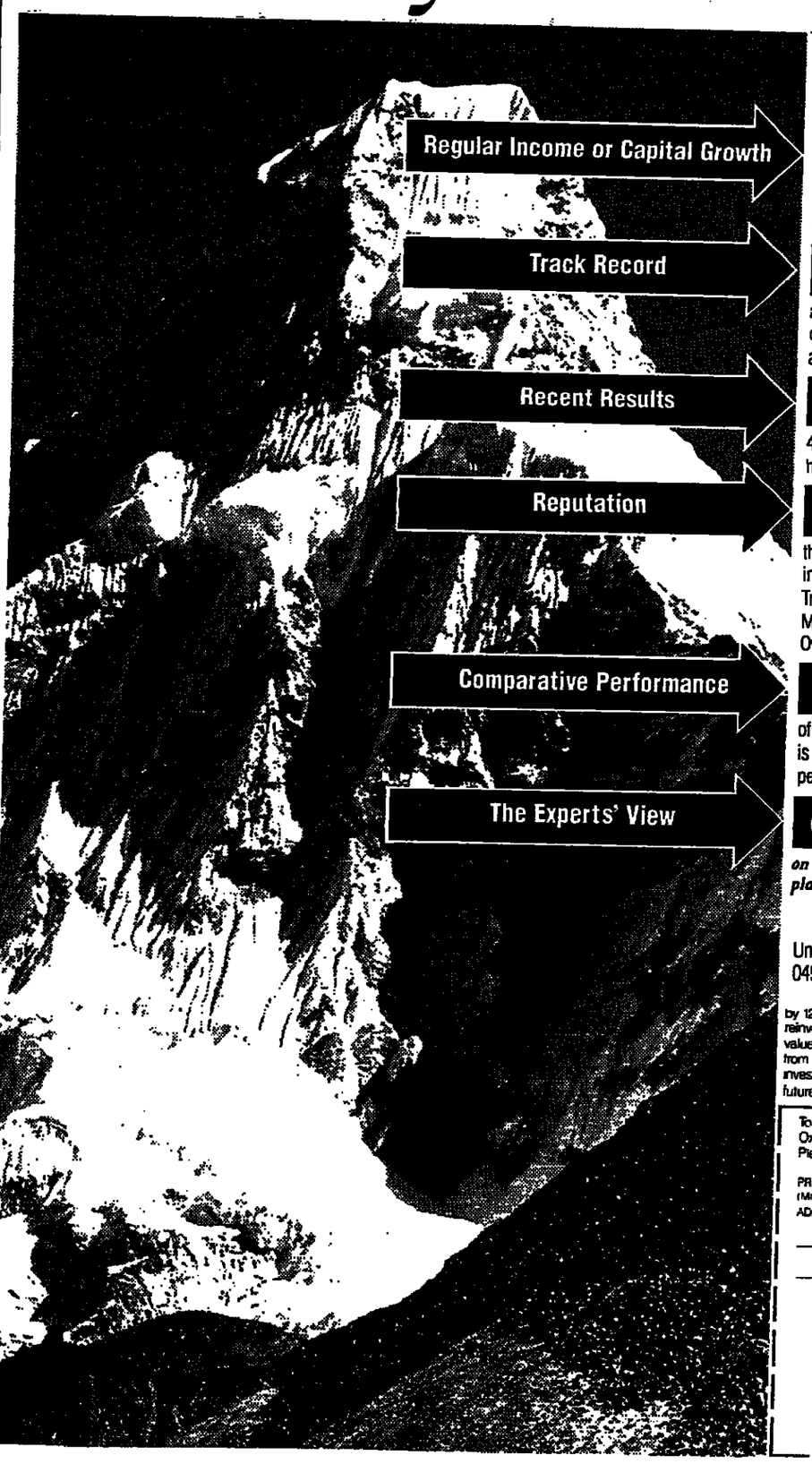
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LETTERS

In pursuit of the going rate

From Mr Bill Price

Sir, In view of the amount of attention paid to building societies, I wonder if one of your colleagues might be interested in the activities of the Chelsea Building Society — my own experience illustrates the matter.

Recently, I invested £50,000 in its Premier Account at a high rate of gross interest — it was, of course, guaranteed for only a short time and then became "variable" so I was expecting it to fall.

What attracted me to this particular building society was the promise that the interest would always be 6 per cent above their "gross share rate", but the interest approximately halved and when I asked why I was told that the "gross share rate" was just ½ per cent!

My temper didn't improve much when I later saw Chelsea advertisements for another Premier Account offering a much higher gross rate — if they could afford that, why was my own income so reduced?

It is clear to me what they are doing — they are making these short-term offers in the hope of bringing in the unsuspecting and then drastically reducing the interest paid at the earliest opportunity.

I took this matter up — I wrote to the managing director of the Chelsea Building Society, but could get no further than a customer liaison assistant who simply quoted the convenient bits of the small print.

Obviously I withdrew the £50,000, but lost a month's income — and they appear to have even deducted the tax!

I really do feel that it would be useful if your readers could be warned about this practice — I suspect the Chelsea is not the only one operating it.

Yours faithfully,
BILL PRICE,
Bill Price Parliamentary
Public Relations Press
Advertising,
53 West Heath Court,
Northend Road,
NW11.

Ungrateful charities

From Mr D. A. Palmer

Sir, At first reading, your correspondent Jack Shapiro (Letters, July 24) shows a sensible concern over funds involved in "dead accounts". As to whether they are "enormous" can only be a matter for conjecture and it should be noted that UK charities have an estimated annual income of £17 billion.

If Mr Shapiro had any insight into accountancy matters, he would appreciate the difficulties which would need to be overcome if those to whom the funds were transferred were to be made to assume the responsibility for proper accountability.

Those with any experience of the machinery by which the Charity Commission operates, know that to pass the funds in the manner suggested would simply introduce yet another layer of bureaucracy which would dissipate the money.

Regrettably, this is another miasma created by modern methods of management.

Yours faithfully,
D. A. PALMER,
20 Clarence Drive,
Englefield Green,
Surrey.

Letters can be sent by fax to 071-782 5112.



From days of financial sacrifices to grants and money for drink

From Dr G. S. Plaut

Sir, I was interested in the article by Margaret Dibben on university fees (August 14). Times have changed! When I was a student (then known as an "undergraduate") at Cambridge more than 50 years ago, only a few of us had grants, and our parents made big financial sacrifices to help us study. Many able young people could not go to universities because of financial restraints.

The National Union of Students, according to the article, now considers that students require "£480 a year for newspapers, refreshments and entertainment". To state publicly a need to spend the equivalent of £480 on these items would have been unthinkable in my days. I take it "refreshments and entertainment" include an appreciable amount for alcohol.

Yours faithfully,
GUS PLAUT,
233 Boroughbridge Road,
York.

Lack of logic detected among insurers unsure about the value of security

From Mr John Leigh

Sir, Several weeks ago, I wrote to my house contents insurer as follows:

"... that ... an intruder alarm system ... (has been) installed in this house, with detectors covering both floors. An external floodlight with detector was also installed ...".

I enquired about a review of premium. Eventually, a reply was received, the relevant part of which reads: "I regret that ... do not offer a discount under (the policy) for the installation of an alarm system and as the need for improved security is increasing, many other insurers have also withdrawn from discount schemes in this respect".

The logic of this response escapes me completely.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN LEIGH,
2 Fitzherbert Close,
Iffley Village,
Oxford.

Counting the cost of cards

From Dr I. H. Barclay

Sir, we spend a lot of time considering the use and misuse of credit cards. Perhaps we should consider the value of the cards themselves.

When I renewed my membership of the RAC and requested them to provide a membership card for my spouse, they sent a duplicate of my card and charged me £17! For a small bit of plastic 3½" x 2", I consider this is exorbitant.

Yours faithfully,
I. H. BARCLAY,
Woodlands,
Hindon Lane,
Tisbury,
Salisbury,
Wilts.

INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.70	3.70	2.96	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.67	3.67	2.93	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.19	3.19	2.55	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.23	3.23	2.58	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.75	3.75	3.00	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528655
" "	3.84	3.84	3.07	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	3.38	3.38	2.70	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" "	3.38	3.38	2.70	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.37	3.42	2.74	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.75	3.82	3.06	2,000‡	none	0800 356984
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	10,000	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Intst Chque Acct	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Britannia	5.44	5.44	4.35	25,000 min	Postal	——
Birmingham Mid	5.70	5.70	4.56	100,000 min	Postal	——
Bristol & West	4.73	4.73	3.78	50,000 min	30 day	——
Woolwich	5.81	5.81	4.65	50,000 min	90 day	——
Bristol & West	6.38	6.38	5.10	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Britannia	5.29	5.29	4.23	10,000 min	Postal	——
North of England	5.63	5.63	4.50	25,000 min	30 day	——
St Pancras	5.59	5.59	4.47	25,000 min	60 day	——
Greenwich	5.89	5.89	4.71	50,000 min	90 day	——
Universal	6.26	6.26	5.01	50,000 min	1 year	——

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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c[1]	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c[2]	6.25	4.69	3.75	20-100,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond[3]	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-250,000	3 mth	0253 766151
6th Index Lnkd[1][3]	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
40th Issue Cert[3]	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Rate†	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond[4]	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond[4]	4.75	4.75	3.80	1,000-250,000		

GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Prosperity Life	4.70	4.70	4.00	15,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Prosperity Life	5.30	5.30	4.51	25,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Prosperity Life	5.68	5.68	4.82	15,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Consolidated Lf	6.10	6.10	5.19	2,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Hill Samuel	6.30	6.30	5.36	5,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES		**HOLIDAY RATES**	£ buys
RPI (July 92-93)	+1.4%	Spanish Pesetas:	204.00
Bank Base Rate	6%	French Francs:	8.69
Personal Loan	26%	Greek Drachma:	348.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2325.00

TESSA	CAR (%)	£3,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investmt	Telephone number
Hinckley & Rigby	8.05	£3,241.50	90 days loss	£25	0455 251234
Dunfermline	8.00	£3,240.00	1mths notice+loss	£3,000	0383 721621
St Pancras	8.00	£3,240.00	£25+30days notice	£10	071 7942331
National Cnts	7.90	£3,237.00	90 days loss	£3,000	0372 742211
Ipswich	7.70	£3,231.00	£25	£100	0473 211021

[1] 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less [2] Additional holdings up to £20,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ‡Higher rates for larger sums *Guaranteed over the rate of inflation *0.3% net bonus for amounts £20,000+

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LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Britannia 0538 399399	3.99	negotiable	90	After 4% discount for first 6 months
Cheltenham & Glos. 0452 372372	4.00	to £70K	90	Rate fixed to 28.2.94
Yorkshire 0274 740740	4.49	to £250K	94	After 2.5% discount for 6 months
BANKS				
TSB Scotland 041 248 2414	5.75	to £50K	100	Rate fixed to 30.9.94
BANKS				
BNP Mortgages 071 895 7447	5.85	£15-150K	95	After 2% discount for 12 months

Source: Blays MortgageMatch. further info. Blays Guides: 0753 880482

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Small losses on day

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 16. Dealings end September 3. §Contango day September 6. Settlement day September 13. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	396 †	+1	11.5	3.6	15.3
284	179	Allied Irish	273 †	-4	...	3.8	15.2
196	130	Aus New Z	194	-1	...	4.6	...
380½	271½	Bankamerica	3050 †	...	...	...	...
255	177	Bk of Ireland	252	...	...	...	...
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	-3	...	4.9	20.3
176	116½	Bank Scotland	167	...	17.0	6.1	...
510	362	Barclays	496 †	-2½	4.5	3.4	33.3
4½	2	Benchmark	4½	-½	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	19½	...	...	...	...
568	395	Cater Allen	561	-7	27.0	6.0	...
145	85	Cattles	144½	...	...	...	...
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2012½	-21½	...	3.6	19.2
2247½	1347½	Citicorp	2187½	+25	...	...	...
415	250	Close Bros	410	...	...	...	...
£130⅝	9275	Commerzbk	£127⅛	+87½	...	2.9	18.2
£310½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£307⅛	-287½	...	3.1	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	89 †	...	...	1.9	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1537	...	...	0.7	...
492	343	Gerrard Nat	484	-69	...	0.4	∞
774	490	HSBC	725	-8	21.5	5.6	12.9
752	474	HSBC HK	709	+1	19.0	3.3	17.3
389	243	Hambros	375	+3	19.0	3.3	17.0
363	313	Joseph (L)	363	-3	14.0	4.2	17.3
155	96	King Shaxson	154	...	16.6	5.7	...
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	508 †	...	9.0	7.3	...
591	492	Lloyds	528	+1	16.0	3.9	17.6
98	63	Lon Scot Bk	87	-8	18.4	4.4	15.1
515	322	Nat Aust Bk	507	+1	3.0	4.3	17.2
512	398	Nat West	481 †	+1	...	4.0	17.6
445	270	Provident	438	-1	17.5	4.5	29.2
54	39	Rea Bros	52	-1	11.4	3.3	19.0
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot	290	...	0.5	1.2	55.0
1198	467½	Schroders	1195	-4	8.8	3.8	...
994	576	Stand Chart	961 †	...	...	1.2	23.8
218	145½	TSB	204 †	-3	20.0	2.6	...
190	78	Union Disc	180	-2	6.4	3.9	...
813	529	Warburg SG	809	-8	...	...	...
286	185	-do- 6% 'A'	283	-4	...	2.9	20.4
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7356½	+37½	...	2.7	...
187	121	Westpac	187	+1	...	1.4	...
280	188	Wintrust	280 †	...	9.3	4.2	25.0

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	615	+7	...	4.3	16.6
647	441	Bass	515	+4	18.9	4.6	11.2
299	189	Boddington	278	...	7.3	3.3	16.2
442	362	Bulmer (HP)	441	...	...	...	...
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	153	...	...	2.9	19.2
387	261	Devenish (JA)	387	...	4.7	3.9	12.8
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'	129	...	7.8	2.5	21.8
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	55	+7	...	3.1	34.1
405	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	405	...	...	4.9	7.6
480	383	Grand Met	449	+2	7.4	2.3	17.4
427	347	Greenalls Grp	370	-1	12.3	3.4	14.8
572	505	Greene King	570	...	11.7	4.0	12.3
516	437	Guinness	503	...	...	2.7	16.1
281	230	Hardy Hansn	265	+10	...	2.9	17.9
125	105	Heavitree	115	...	7.9	3.7	14.7
353	255	Highland Distl	350	...	3.0	3.3	27.4
3138	2538	Hoh J	2938	-1	6.0	2.1	23.3
58	33	Hoskins Brew	50 #	...	41.0	1.7	19.1
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	294	...	...	...	40.3
186	155	Macallan-Glen	155	...	...	3.0	16.8
465	375	Marstn Marm 'A'	375	...	0.9	0.7	34.8
214	164	Mansfield	198	-3	...	2.9	17.0
299	231	Mrston Tmp	283	...	...	2.4	14.2
440	328½	Matthew Clark	435 †	-8	...	2.4	17.1
300	253	Mrrydwn W	286 †	...	...	4.8	12.7
545	455	Morland	523	...	7.0	3.1	∞
12	6½	Paramount	9½	...	8.4	2.0	20.8
174	145	Regent Inns	174	...	...	2.1	17.3
975	753	SA Breweries	900	+2	...	3.2	17.4
482½	408	Scot & New	465	+11	...	3.0	14.9
225	181	Taunton Cider	206	+2	...	4.5	14.5
248	213	Vaux Group	238	+3	6.0	3.6	16.8
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	301	+1	9.3	4.9	16.4
534	435	Whitbread 'A'	529	...	...	2.0	24.3
1180	850	-do- 'B'	1158	+4	...	4.2	14.3
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	503	...	...	1.9	29.1
515	475	Young 'A'	478	-6	11.4	2.8	14.1
				...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
120	73	Abbey	120	...	...	8.5	∞
27	13	Albrighton	22	+1	...	...	...
123	87	Allen	114	...	...	5.5	25.8
107	65	Amec	96	-2	3.0	3.9	17.8
12	4	Anglia Sec	9	...	...	...	...
262	155	Ashtead	262 †	+2	4.5	2.2	∞
142	101	Atwoods	114	+1	5.0	5.5	16.5
255	180	BPB Ind	251	-1	...	3.7	43.3
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	88	+2	3.1	4.4	29.6
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	25½	...	0.5	...	...
106	74	Barcom	106	...	1.2	1.5	19.2
56½	32½	Bardon	47½	...	2.0	3.3	23.4
161	94	Barratt Devs	157	...	2.0	1.6	17.5
427	305	Bellway	427	+2	...	3.5	24.7
34	15	Bellwinch	34	+2	...	...	...
445	295½	Berkeley Gp	445	+2	...	1.7	27.9
116	45	Best Bros	115	...	...	0.5	4.7
63	36	Blockleys	57	...	1.0	2.2	63.0
285	189	Blue Circle	266	...	...	5.3	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	276	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	97	...	4.6	5.9	23.5
121	82	Br Dredging	118	...	5.2	5.5	26.2
83	45	Brit Fitings	68	...	1.5	2.8	...
151	99	Bryant	146	...	4.8	4.1	31.2
85	53	CALA	85	+2	2.3	...	...
286	205	CRH	283	...	...	3.0	19.6
43	18	Cakebread Rby	25	...	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	38	...	...	...	...
140	86½	Countryside	137	-1	...	3.7	36.2
73	38	Crest Nicholson	71	...	0.0	...	...
96	27	Cussins	96 †	...	...	1.3	...
3½	1½	Dunston	3	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	20	+2	0.5	3.1	...
275	178	Epwin	268	-6	6.8	3.2	22.5
52	32	Erith	52	+2	0.3	0.8	...
448	252	Eve Group	448	...	...	2.8	16.2
6½	3½	Explaura	5½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	130	+1	...	4.8	20.7
50	38	Galliford	48	...	4.3	...	19.3
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	54	...	...	...	...
918	695	Gleeson (MJ)	913	...	12.7	1.7	14.8
134½	90	Hewden-Stuart	134	...	...	3.0	30.5
51	28	Hewetson	45 †	...	...	3.5	33.2
311	186	Heywd Wms	307	-3	12.5	5.1	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	115	+1	2.5	2.7	...
35	26	How Gp	29	...	...	6.5	...
20	15	Howard Hldgs	19 †	...	0.5	3.3	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	76	...	1.0	1.6	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19½	...	...	...	...
314	196	Laing (J)	313	...	9.0	3.6	12.5
126	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	126	...	...	6.3	...
95	55	Ln Clydeside	93	...	4.5	6.0	35.0
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	18	...	...	...	8.2
323	240	Manders	320	...	9.0	3.5	19.6
168	93	Marley	158	+1	4.2	3.4	45.7
101	61	Marshalls	101	...	...	5.0	60.6
175	122	Maunders (J)	168	...	4.9	3.7	15.4
214	96	McAlpine (A)	208	...	6.5	3.9	36.0
40	23	McCarthy & S	35½	-1	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	378	-3	...	3.3	37.9
129	62	Mowlem (J)	126	-1	4.0	4.0	...
135	51	NSM	134	-1	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	...	...
171	106	Newman Tnks	167	...	...	3.7	33.3
300	197	Persimmon	289	...	...	6.0	22.3
31	12	Phoenix Timber	12	-12	...	8.6	3.7	29.5
1625	1237½	Pochins	1550	+25	29.0	2.4	9.4
146	80	Prowting	140	...	3.4	3.0	...
6½	2½	Quiligotti	2½	...	...	...	...
823	555	RMC Gp	794	-1	...	3.1	31.2
117	79½	Raine Ind	94	+1	6.0	8.0	15.7
36	20	Ramus	22	...	...	...	...
573	402	Redland	555	+2	25.0	5.6	23.3
79	64	Roskel	78	+2	4.3	6.9	11.5
296	207	Rugby Group	275	-3	6.4	2.9	23.1
42	23	Svrild-Rvs	41	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	110	...	...	4.5	19.1
209	86½	Sheffield Insl	209	+4	...	3.2	51.3
147	82	Sheriff Hldgs	147	+2	...	1.7	21.9
95	66	Shorco	73	...	...	8.9	16.6
228	196	Smart (J)	220	...	8.5	4.8	10.0
6½	2½	Starmin	4½	...	0.3	8.8	∞
151	103	Tarmac	147	+2	5.5	4.7	...
194	137	Tay Homes	169	...	5.8	4.3	10.8
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	133	+2	1.0	0.9	...
625	433	Tilbury Dougls	623	...	33.0	6.6	20.3
39	19	Torex Hire	35	...	...	1.4	...
247	168	Travis Perkins	244	-1	8.0	4.1	43.0
40	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	26	Tudor	26	...	...	1.2	...
74	41	Vibroplant	74	...	2.5	4.3	26.2
65	20	Ward Hldgs	48	-2	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	435	...	...	3.4	18.8
26	8	Wescol	24	...	...	...	...
161	90	Westbury	161	...	5.0	3.9	25.1
12	4½	West Scaffold	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	433	...	8.7	2.5	29.7
205	147	Wilson (C)	187	...	3.9	2.6	32.4
194	104	Wimpey G	186	-6	...	3.5	...
47	25	YRM	36	...	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	630	-28	...	...	...
229	198	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
92	56	Air London	73	...	...	6.0	9.0
56	37	African Lakes	49	...	2.0	5.1	...
178	125	Auto Sec	158	...	...	4.2	28.3
138	84	BET Ord	121½	-2½	...	3.3	4.9
100	41	BNB Res	100	+7	4.9	6.1	...
318	258	BPP	309 †	+2	8.0	3.2	17.0
285	195	Barbour Index	218	+5	8.0	4.6	∞
24	15	Boustead	24	...	0.7	3.6	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	245	...	...	2.0	20.4
26	11	Broadcastle	25	...	...	1.3	19.7
73	54	Brooks Service	65	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	97	+2	2.8	3.7	∞
190	139½	Capita Group	190 †	...	...	1.4	29.7
45	31	Caskel Plc	41½	+½	...	2.4	16.0
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	20	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	46	...	...	...	...
359	228	Chubb Sec	359	...	...	1.7	22.3
96	18	Contact	89	...	...	2.1	22.2
30	6½	Corp Services	26	...	...	...	...
52	20	Coutts Cnslg	44	...	...	...	...
110	50	Dart	110	...	3.3	3.8	14.9
256	198	Davis Service	255	-1	...	3.9	19.2
104	85	EW Facl	94	...	4.3	5.7	10.8
31½	11	Gardiner	31½	+1	0.6	...	21.7
257	215	Hays	253	-1	4.6	2.3	24.9
240	174	Hogg Robinsn	240	...	...	3.4	17.5
70	35	Holmes Protectn	35	...	...	...	2.1
203	127	Hunch Wharmp	197	-1	...	2.4	16.8
2062½	975	ISS B DKr	1925	...	...	3.5	2.5
637	519	Inchcape	545	+1	...	3.2	18.9
863	669	Johnson Clean	830 †	...	25.7	3.9	18.1
12	2½	Lep	10½	...	...	...	...
275	173	Mitie Gp	274 †	...	3.5	1.6	∞
1187	893	Manpower	1062	...	...	...	...
57½	40½	Michael Page	57½	+1	1.8	3.9	24.4
279	172	Penna	172	...	...	7.3	6.4
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	127	...	...	11.8	7.0
423	337	RCO	352	...	12.8	5.0	11.9
118	100	REA	100	...	4.0	5.0	...
105	43	Reed Executive	104	...	...	...	...
156	110	Reliance Sec	115 †	...	...	4.9	∞
238	178	Rentokil	204	+1	2.3	1.4	25.4
283	220	Rodk & Nolan	223	...	...	4.0	12.6
396	334	Salvesen (C)	385	-2	...	2.5	21.1
37	26	Scott Pickford	37	...	...	2.7	11.8
343	164	Securiguard	339	...	...	4.2	18.0
6½	5	Select App	6	...	...	...	...
1075	695	Serco Gp	1075	+2	14.0	1.6	29.7
352	124	Sherwd Cmp	152	+2	...	5.8	4.4
130	90	Skechley	99	...	...	3.8	22.6
355	310	Warner Flowrd	332	...	6.5	2.4	17.3
45	27	Welpac	34	...	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	24½	+1	...	0.5	33.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
348	210	Allied Colloids	345	-1	...	2.2	21.6
855	613	Amersham	855	+6	...	2.0	29.6
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£103½	8325	BASF DM	£100½	-240½	...	3.2	...
297	199	BTP	290	...	...	4.0	30.0
£120	£101½	Bayer DM50	£116½	-300	...	4.5	...
178	134	Blagden	165 †	+10	9.5	...	17.8
165	93	Brent Chems	126	...	...	7.3	11.5
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	353	...	...	...	...
39	12	Caird Gp	13½	...	...	12.3	37.5
153	126	Canning (W)	141	...	7.2	6.5	16.2
608	504	Courtaulds	560	-3	...	3.1	15.1
295	228	Croda	292	+1	...	3.3	19.1
149	121	Doeflex	138	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
219	175	Ellis & Everard	218	+1	7.0	4.0	∞
34	15½	Euro Colour	34	...	0.8	2.9	20.8
313	259	Halstead (J)	313	...	...	2.4	15.7
241	177	Hickson	177	-5	...	5.6	16.4
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£110	-75	...	3.2	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	223	...	...	2.1	30.4
710	608	ICI	693 †	-2	...	5.0	...
688	576	Laporte	642	-2	19.3	3.8	17.7
223	181	Leigh	220 †	-1	...	4.4	21.2
97½	35	MTM	66	...	...	...	...
1900	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1850	...	...	...	...
460	370	Paterson Zoch	459	...	...	1.6	26.3
413	360	-do- 'A'	412	+2	11.4	3.1	19.8
296	224	Plysu	224	+2	11.4	3.5	17.8
245	173	Porvair	245	...	...	3.9	14.6
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	62	+1	3.6	1.8	26.2
475	412	Wardle Storeys	473	...	...	...	...
490	395	Wistnhlme R	480	...	16.0	4.2	19.0
401	130	Yorks Chem	383 †	...	17.0	4.4	16.4
306	238	Yule Catto	264	+2	5.9	2.5	20.5
704½	593	Zeneca	701	+5	...	5.0	40.6

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	67 †	-1	...	5.6	...
87	42	Amber Day	70	...	3.1	5.5	19.2
342	257	Argos Plc	327	+4	...	2.7	27.7
25	12	Ashley Group	15½	...	...	4.5	...
118	60	Ashley (Laura)	105	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	294	...	5.1	2.2	20.4
134	94	Austin Reed	129	...	...	2.4	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	155	+2	...	4.8	15.6
121	94	Bentalls	105	...	1.9	2.3	...
278	208	Betterware	251	-2	...	1.0	30.0
37	22	Blacks Leis	36 †	-1	2.2	7.8	...
227	133	Body Shop	201	-3	...	1.1	25.9
16½	11½	Brown & Jacksn	16½	...	...	0.6	8.2
401	318	Brown (N)	393	...	...	3.2	23.1
87½	64½	Burton	82	-2½	...	3.0	...
145	126	Cantors	145	...	...	2.3	19.3
360	295	Church	343	...	12.5	4.6	30.5
183	97	Clinton Cards	153	...	4.2	3.5	18.5
250	212	Coats Viyella	244	...	...	3.7	28.7
112	78	Colourvision	101 †	+1	5.6	6.9	18.1
700	374	Courts Furnish	699	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
155	115	Crown Eyes	135 †	...	...	6.5	∞
129	89	Dairy Farm Intl	127	-2	...	2.8	19.0
83	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	83	+1	1.0	1.5	26.6
281	189	Dixons Grp	228	...	...	3.4	...
413	320	Dunhill	390	+1	8.1	2.6	15.2
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.9	17.8
161	71	Essex Furn	154	+1	...	2.2	26.1
268	203	Etam	266	...	8.9	3.2	24.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	592	...	12.7	2.7	19.3
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	39	...	...	...	...
543	498	Forminster	543	...	14.0	3.2	8.7
157	24	French Conn	147	...	...	...	...
73	43	Gent SR	73	...	2.0	3.4	21.4
68	23	Goldsmiths Gp	66	...	0.3	0.6	...
3700	2400	GUS	3700	+75	...	1.5	29.0
2113	1563	-do- 'A'	2090	+30	...	2.7	16.3
40	31	Hampden Grp	32	+1	...	3.9	15.9
277	30	Hartstone	61	...	...	5.7	...
25½	20	Helene Plc	25	...	2.0	10.1	11.8
72	29	Herage	72	...	...	...	...
71	28	Honeysuckle	66	...	...	1.9	9.4
123	63	Jacques Vert	121 †	+1	...	3.1	9.3
691	496	Kingfisher	686	+1	...	2.9	22.5
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	69 †	...	4.0	7.2	14.2
685	495	Liberty	580	...	7.2	1.6	68.3
320	241	Lloyds Chem	287	-2	5.5	2.6	10.5
152	120	MFI	139½	+2½	...	3.4	28.8
376½	311	Marks Spencer	365	-5	...	2.8	20.0
528	445	Menzies (John)	528	...	...	2.6	14.8
227	136	Moss Bros	226	...	5.5	3.0	26.5
210½	139½	Next	204	-1½	2.5	1.5	24.4
40	15	Oliver (G)	36	...	...	...	...
303	197	Oriflame Intl	292 †	...	...	4.1	14.3
53	38½	Pentos	41	...	1.5	4.6	8.5
313	185	QS Hldgs	240	...	5.1	3.1	15.0
41½	11	Ratners Group	38	+1	...	...	...
35½	20½	Rhino Grp	35½	+½	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	154	...	...	2.1	13.9
117	93	Sears	115½	+1	...	3.8	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	477	-4	13.4	3.5	16.8
15	4½	Specialeyes	14	+2	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	229	+1	...	2.7	29.5
191	148	T & S Stores	161	+3	5.9	4.6	12.0
150	71	Tie Rack	149	...	1.0	0.8	24.4
231	160	Time Products	228	...	7.5	4.1	19.7
114	60	Usher (Frank)	114	...	...	5.5	9.0
45	27	Vivat	34	...	1.0	3.7	10.5
40	34	Weesum	34	...	...	6.7	...
122	78	Wickes	116	-5	...	0.2	51.4
73	45	Wld of Leather	69	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	178	-3	...	2.8	23.5
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	180	-2	...	3.5	18.1
240	223	Acal	235	...	...	3.4	16.4
162½	38	Acorn Comp	105	-5	...	...	53.2
480	385	Admiral	455	...	5.4	1.5	19.2
156	104	Alba	156	+3	...	4.0	19.1
48	19½	Alphameric	42	-1	...	...	...
39½	22	Amstrad	35	-1	...	0.4	...
128	66	App Holo	69	...	...	...	...
38	13	Arden	37	+3	...	...	...
69½	39½	Astec	68	+½	...	...	1.1
293	243	Beales Hunter	243 †	...	9.4	4.8	∞
9	3½	Bennett & Fountn	4½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	397	+2	19.2	6.2	...
575	435	Blick	475	+25	9.2	2.4	18.5
1700	1100	Borland	1338	+63	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	360	...	6.3	2.2	24.1
445½	376	BT	427 †	-1½	...	4.6	20.2
188½	150	BT P/P	183½	-1	...	4.4	20.9
11½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11½	...	0.1	1.1	...
160	110	Burnfield	157	...	5.7	4.6	24.8
860	669	Cable Wireless	844	+2	...	2.2	27.1
21½	11½	Chloride	21½	+½	...	...	...
268	229	CML Micro	268	...	...	2.2	19.5
115	74	Comptr People	96	...	0.6	0.9	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	151½	+3	...	1.2	15.6
412	243	Critchley	412	+5	...	1.9	∞
528	414	Delta	528	-2	...	3.3	21.7
359	205	Denmans El	359	+4	...	2.1	15.3
630	395	Domino	458	+1	7.2	2.0	15.6
95	48	Dowding Mills	63	...	2.5	5.0	20.7
1085	865	Druck	1085 †	...	10.0	1.2	∞
464	358	Electrocomps	460	+2	...	2.1	18.8
580	470	El Data Prc	553	...	5.1	1.2	15.2
116	43	Electron House	116	...	2.6	2.8	25.1
30½	10½	Emess	25½	-½	0.1	0.5	...
600	442	Eurotherm	596	+1	8.0	1.7	27.1
155	108	FKI	153	+1	...	2.5	22.4
454½	340	Farnell Elect	449	...	...	1.7	23.8
90	33	Feedback	89	...	...	2.1	11.6
18	9½	Ferranti	13½	+½	...	...	...
258	101	First Tech	258	+2	1.0	0.5	∞
270	81	Forward Gp	265	...	...	1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	18	...	...	...	...
358½	264	GEC	348	+3½	10.3	3.7	17.5
196	132	Graseby	185	-2	...	7.4	38.9
15	7½	Greycone	13½	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hillclere	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	85	INSTEM	150	...	...	2.6	10.8
388	320	Jones Stroud	368 †	...	8.8	3.0	∞
19	8	Kembrey	15½	...	0.1	1.3	...
325	260	Kenwood App	321	-1	...	3.0	18.0
216	47	Kewill Sys	205	+3	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	189	-6	5.5	3.7	22.3
60	16	Laser-Scan	35	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	235 †	+7	...	0.4	33.1
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	134	Life Sciences	144	...	3.5	3.1	15.6
269	164	Logica	243	+2	3.6	1.9	28.7
55	44	LPA Ind	54	...	...	8.1	15.2
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	190	...	4.3	2.8	18.1
683	523	Macro 4	650	-2	...	2.5	21.8
635	527	Memtec-Sw	624 †	+4	...	2.2	∞
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1955	+2	...	...	...
222	147	Microgen	164	+3	7.2	5.5	11.2
34½	21½	Microvitec	28½	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	504	+1	7.0	1.7	∞
437	98	Mitel	415	+2	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comp	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
36	16	Molynx	33½	...	1.3	4.9	...
272	202	MTL Inst	239	...	...	1.9	18.0
165	105	Mainstone Elect	113	+2	3.5	3.9	∞
216	116	Murray Enter	216	+3	1.8	1.1	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	5837½	-100	...	...	...
188	135	Neotronics	188	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
193	58	Norbain	193	...	...	1.0	14.7
75	20	Northamber	60	...	0.6	1.3	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	...
285	195	Oxford Inst	285 †	...	4.5	2.0	19.6
83	48	P-E Intern'l	63	...	1.0	2.0	...
81½	29	P & P	70 †	...	1.4	2.5	37.2
80	55	Peek	76	...	3.4	5.6	19.8
190	115	Pegasus	183	...	...	4.3	47.0
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	+500	...	6.1	...
1312½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1275	...	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink	251	...	...	...	...
560	343	Pilco	560 †	+4	8.2	1.8	∞
540	303	-do- 'A' Voting	540 †	+4	8.2	1.9	∞
96	63	Plasmec	78	...	...	6.0	6.6
111	76	Pressac	111	...	2.4	2.7	22.4
135	81	Psion	100	+1	...	3.1	26.6
257	160	Racal Elect	257	+9	4.2	2.1	15.3
70	45	Radamec	61	...	...	3.1	13.1
70	31	Radius	40	...	2.7	...	13.8
92	61	Real Time	74 †	...	...	5.1	...
35	18	Riva	34	...	...	...	41.9
629	380	Sage Gp	414	...	9.0	2.7	13.3
342	222	Sanderson Elec	325	...	9.0	3.5	13.0
88	49	Scantronic	86	-2	3.1	4.5	21.7
155	117	Scholes Grp	155	+5	5.0	4.0	30.5
371	270	Sema Gp	366	...	2.8	1.0	29.6
42	26	Silvermines	39	...	...	3.2	...
50	37	Soundtracks	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2550	...	...	1.3	28.4
27	4½	TDS Circuits	14	...	...	...	...
165	80	Telemetrix	162	...	0.8	0.6	26.7
984	809	THORN EMI	973	+2	...	4.1	19.9
111	96	Thorpe FW	105	+1	2.5	3.0	10.8
103	63	Total Systems	64	...	3.0	5.9	11.3
505	372	Tunstall	505	+10	6.0	1.5	20.3
280	164	Unitech	276 †	-1	6.1	2.8	∞
11½	6	Verby	6½	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec	29	+1	...	1.6	16.6
566	367	Vodafone	562	+15	...	1.5	25.5
460	368	Volex	460 †	...	17.8	4.9	18.9
26	11	Western Selecm	24	-1	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	290	...	11.7	5.2	∞

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
534	389	East Midlands	522	-4	...	4.7	9.8
538	399	Eastern Elec	526	-4	...	4.6	10.5
378	304	Hydro-Elect	371 †	-2½	...	3.8	13.4
542	404	London Elec	527	-5	...	4.6	11.7
587½	458	Manweb	572	-9	...	4.6	8.3
560	424½	Midlands Elec	548	-4	...	4.6	9.8
375	273	National Powr	360	-3½	...	3.7	10.7
585	440	Northern Elec	573	-8	...	4.7	8.3
165	100	Nthn Ireland	162	...	...	4.4	9.5
582	439	Norweb	569	-9	20.0	4.4	8.8
401	273	PowerGen	386	-5	...	3.4	10.2
358	285	Scottish Power	352½	-3	...	4.0	13.1
588	436	Seeboard	578	-5	...	4.3	9.3
616	465	Sth Wales	595	-11	...	4.7	9.0
550	426	Sth Western	535	-5	...	4.7	12.8
549	406	Southern Elec	536	-8	...	4.6	9.8
569	455	Yorkshire Elec	555	-5	...	4.6	10.5

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	54 †	...	1.0	2.3	∞
124	47	BWD	124	+1	...	3.2	19.4
91	26	Baltic Plc	91	+1	...	1.4	...
535	413	Caledonia	535	...	...	3.5	19.9
1500	1075	Camellia	1375	...	...	1.1	5.1
313	243	Candover	310	-3	10.2	4.1	22.0
139	71	Flextech	138	...	...	0.5	...
327	155	Gowett	326 †	...	...	4.6	10.2
187	125	Ivory Sime	187	+2	...	4.3	17.6
6½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
232	154	Lon Forfaiting	232	+2	8.4	4.6	16.5
67	47	Manakin	63 †	...	5.0	9.9	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	10	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
326	248	Rathbone Brs	326	+5	6.0	2.3	19.8
25	17	Rutland Trt	24½	...	...	4.1	14.5
330	253	S & U	280	...	10.0	4.5	10.4
80	48	Singer & Fried	80	...	2.6	4.1	...
975	713	Sotheby	780	-13	...	4.4	...
158	83	SJP Capital	153	...	3.0	2.5	63.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2287½	1487½	Amer Express	2212½	-9½	...	...	...
1100	835	Henderson Ad	1100	+40	...	4.8	25.4
193	92	Invesco	191	-1	...	2.0	...
230	164	Jardine Strat	228	+6	...	3.4	10.5
236	154	MAI	233	-2	6.0	3.2	16.9
665	389	MAM	665	...	15.0	2.8	16.6
950	633	M & G	950	+5	...	2.8	25.3
342	109	Smith New Crt	337½	-4½	...	2.2	5.1
81	55	Trio Hldgs	79	-1	...	4.7	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
530½	456	AB Food	529½	+1½	14.0	3.3	12.1
77½	53	ASDA Group	64 †	+1	...	3.1	14.9
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	305	...	6.5	2.7	17.6
70	55	Albert Fisher	70	...	3.7	6.7	11.7
407	387	Argyll	353½	+6½	...	3.9	13.0
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	144 †	...	...	6.9	3.0
228	160	Banks (S C)	227	-1	9.0	5.0	∞
340	310	Barr (AG)	330	...	6.5	2.5	16.7
85	57	Bensons Crisps	68 †	...	...	5.2	15.3
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	441	...	...	6.2	45.4
52	35	Borthwick	47½	...	...	3.2	59.0
505	430	Brake Bros	502	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	46	...	1.0	2.7	∞
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	493	-8	...	3.3	18.3
120	78	Carrs Milling	120	...	3.9	4.1	24.0
196	156	Cranswick	183	...	...	5.5	13.7
22	8½	Culless	18	...	0.5	3.5	51.7
384	150	Dalepak	214 †	...	6.0	3.5	16.9
498	424	Dalgety	495	+1	19.5	4.9	14.4
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
217	191	Devro	214	+4	...	3.2	20.3
134	99	Everest	104	+3	...	4.2	14.4
355	269	Farepak	355	...	5.7	2.0	21.9
10	3	Farringford	8	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	70	...	...	7.4	23.2
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.4	18.1
483	328	Geest	381	...	8.1	2.7	17.2
13	7	Global	13	...	...	4.8	20.2
45	43	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	190 †	...	...	4.2	11.0
175	131	Hillsdown	171	...	...	6.4	13.4
250	205½	Iceland Group	236	+2	...	1.8	21.1
131	103	JLI Group	116	...	...	5.0	12.8
853	655	Kwik Save	738	+5	16.0	2.7	14.1
262	174	Low (Wm)	188	...	8.4	5.6	9.1
61	41	Matthews (B)	61	...	2.2	4.6	39.9
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	19 †	+½	1.1	7.2	38.9
174	124	Morrison (W)	154	+2	...	0.6	20.0
568	443	Nichols (JN)	543 †	...	13.6	3.1	15.7
290	242	Ntm Foods	272	-1	...	3.9	13.5
20½	9½	Nthsbrn Fns	12 †	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Pnck	208	+1	...	3.7	11.9
250	205	Park Foods	248	...	6.0	3.0	∞
115	78	Perkins Food	87	...	...	6.3	9.4
97	47	PizzaExpress	96	...	...	0.7	55.2
9	1½	Regina Hlth	5½	-½	...	...	...
584	426	Sainsbury J	522	+6	...	2.4	18.3
86	33	Scotty Farm	83	...	...	2.3	14.9
225	94	Sims Food	94	...	...	10.0	18.1
439	357	Tate & Lyle	408	+1	12.0	3.7	12.9
273	195	Tesco	237	+2	...	3.7	11.0
211	123	Thorntons	163	...	3.6	2.8	15.2
183	101	Treant	151 †	...	...	3.0	17.2
400	300	Unigate	389	-3	...	5.2	12.8
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	381	-10	...	5.0	18.1
26	20	Usborne	26	...	...	2.8	∞
337	248	Watson & Phil	281	...	13.3	5.9	14.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	12	Abrdn Stk H	22	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Res	88	...	1.5	2.2	21.1
239	170	Forte	232½	-3	...	4.0	18.2
220	155	Friendly Hotels	196	...	5.7	3.6	37.4
11½	5	Harmony Leis	10½	...	...	...	...
110½	87	Jurys Hotel	109½	...	...	6.4	∞
222½	154	Ladbroke	217½	-2½	11.3	6.4	18.6
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	69	+2	...	4.9	17.4
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	3.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels	16½	...	...	6.1	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	840	...	7.0	1.0	...
64	34½	Stakis	64	+3	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	78	AAF Inds	126	+1	...	8.7	7.7
616	455	AAH	524	+5	...	4.1	16.8
177	140	ADM	172	-2	7.5	5.5	∞
132	88	APV	108½	-1	...	6.2	...
239	83	ASW	234	-3	...	6.5	...
198	121	Adwest	198	...	7.0	4.4	28.2
28	10	Aerospace Eng	28	+1	1.0	...	17.1
259	249	Airsprung	259 †	...	...	2.2	16.5
153	113	Alexdra W	153	...	3.8	3.1	42.3
13½	6½	Allied Radio	8	...	...	...	...
562	415	Alumasc	562	+7	11.0	2.4	17.2
48	17	Alvis	43½	+1	...	2.9	8.9
475	345	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.9
45	18	Amberley Gp	45 †	...	...	2.8	...
107	78	Anagen	89	+1	...	...	...
145	82	Andrews Sykes	103	+4	...	5.3	...
945	703	Antofagasta	863	...	...	2.3	16.0
50½	37	Armour	48½	...	1.4	3.8	14.3
170	143	Ash & Lacy	152	+1	6.4	5.3	15.5
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	+¼	0.0	1.7	∞
541½	434	Avon Rubber	531	+5	...	3.9	21.2
250	168	Assoc Nursg	250	...	...	0.5	15.3
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	665	...	...	4.1	16.7
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	63	...	...	...	...
182	147	BBA	174	-4	...	5.5	14.6
65	28	BLP Group	53	+3	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	16½	...	5.0	...	0.7
770	627	BOC	652	+1	23.2	4.4	14.3
79½	62	BSG	77½	+1	...	5.2	27.0
487	353	BSS Group	448	...	...	4.8	26.8
409½	318	BTR	397	-6½	...	3.4	22.7
221	155	BWI	179	...	6.7	4.7	17.2
50	31	Babcock	47½	-1½	...	5.5	28.5
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	+½	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	285	...	8.9	3.9	19.8
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	600	+12½	...	5.8	3.4
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	62	...	...	2.9	25.4
15	9	Beauford	9½	...	...	...	...
8½	6	Beckenham	8	+½	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	17½	-1	0.3	2.2	∞
707	461	Bespak	573	+5	10.0	2.2	∞
133	73	Bibby (J)	91	+2	9.7	...	5.4
312	129	Billam (J)	251	...	5.0	2.5	12.7
41	21½	Bilston Bttrsea	32	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	9½	...	...	...	...
167	119½	Birkby	167	...	0.6	...	...
45	32	Black Arrow	43 †	...	3.5	2.6	15.8
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	2.6	7.6	∞
200	136	Black (Peter)	200	+5	2.9	1.8	20.6
339	129	Bluebird Toys	339	+4	...	1.7	21.2
322	247	Bodycote	321	+16	...	1.9	20.5
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28 †	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
563	416	Boots	486	-6	...	3.4	18.0
61	42	Booth Inds	51	...	0.7	1.7	...
517	435½	Bowater	498	+4	11.5	2.9	19.7
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1344 †	-1	...	...	...
256	199	Boxmore Intl	256	+2	...	1.8	19.2
19	12½	Brasway	15 †	...	0.5	4.3	∞
302	204	Brammer	302	+4	13.0	5.4	22.5
22	12	Bridgend Gp	21½	...	0.4	2.3	...
123	64	Bridon	123	...	...	4.1	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	80	...	4.1	6.4	15.0
42	31	Brierley Inv	42	+1	...	7.6	10.3
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock	59	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	514	+2	...	2.4	18.4
118	54	Br Steel	111	-1½	...	1.1	...
180	100	Br Syphon	105	...	...	3.6	29.4
18	11½	Br Thornton	17½	+½	...	1.8	∞
268	215	Br Vita	255	+1	7.1	3.5	15.7
19½	9½	Britton Grp	15½	...	...	1.4	...
730	555	Broken Hill	691	+12	...	2.6	32.8
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	105	...	...	5.2	13.7
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	7½	...	...	...	...
70	44	Brown & Tawse	63	+3	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	131	...	6.0	5.8	22.4
23	11½	Business Tech	12 †	...	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	24	...	1.0	5.2	23.1
35	11	Campbll & Arm	30	...	...	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	32	+½	...	...	...
246	205	Cape	246	...	...	5.3	16.6
245	178	Carclo Eng	244	...	8.6	4.4	17.4
2888	2138	Carnaud Md	2600	...	...	2.3	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros	69	...	...	4.3	11.3
204	158	Castings	204	+1	4.3	2.7	14.4
160	113	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	6.2	4.9	10.0
707	605	Charter Cons	698	+1	...	3.9	16.4
320	280	Chemring	320	+15	...	3.2	19.3
92	45	Chieftain Gp	52 †	...	5.1	...	11.1
35	17	Chillington	33	...	0.2	0.9	...
204	144	Christies Int	180	-2	...	1.0	...
63	34	Claybithe	62	...	...	5.0	...
95	70	Clayton Son	90	+2	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	295	Cohen (A)	315	...	6.8	2.7	∞
223	179	Community H	193	...	6.5	4.2	12.0
246	180½	Concentric	228	...	...	3.1	19.2
227	120	Cook (Wm)	226 †	...	5.0	2.8	13.7
233	182	Cookson	229	+1	...	3.3	30.3
63	38	Copymore	61	...	...	2.0	18.6
238	130	Crowll Pkr 'A'	178	...	5.7	4.0	15.2
178	92	Cosalt	108	...	10.7	...	16.4
224	150	Creighton Nt	185	...	...	4.9	18.0
48	27	CrestaCare	43	+1	0.5	1.5	37.2
3737½	2993½	Dana	3643½	+56½	...	...	...
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	210	-3	...	0.7	20.0
243	193	David Brown	243	...	...	3.1	17.2
18	5	Davies (DY)	18	...	...	...	...
711	632	De La Rue	709	+3	...	3.0	18.8
26	16	Dinkie Heel	26	...	0.9	4.6	20.7
537	391	Diploma	535	...	9.7	2.3	27.8
79	50	Dobson Park	79	...	5.7	...	14.2
114	92	Dyson (J&J)	114	...	5.0	5.5	∞
80	57	-do- 'A'	79	-1	5.0	7.9	∞
16½	8	ERG	12½	...	...	...	...
433	367	EIS	433	+3	...	3.9	17.1
28	19	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2360	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2187½	-112½	...	2.5	...
66	45	Elliot (B)	60	...	...	...	...
474½	394	Eng China Cl	454	-2	...	5.5	25.0
3237½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3062½	-84½	...	1.0	...
53	32	Eurocopy	45	...	1.6	...	17.5
87	47	Expamet	78	...	...	5.2	1.8
717	499	Fairey Group	716	...	10.2	1.5	22.7
95	53	Fenner	80	...	4.2	...	15.1
66	32	Ferraris Group	53	...	...	2.4	12.4
1½	½	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
28	21	Ferrum	21	...	...	2.5	14.9	14.7
60	28	File Indmar	56	-2	0.5	1.1	...
251	147	Fisons	176	-3	...	6.2	20.4
53	29	Fitzwilton	48	...	...	9.7	...
286	215	Flogas	289	...	...	3.2	13.0
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	21.6
76	56	French (Thomas)	75	...	3.6	6.0	37.6
240	186½	Frost Group	240	...	4.0	2.1	10.1
85	71	GEI Intl	77	...	...	8.0	...
513	434	GKN	500	-9	...	5.2	32.8
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.6	...
98	79	Ganon Eng	97	+1	4.0	3.2	...
160	103	Gestetner	138	-1½	6.2	7.4	6.0
42	23	Glever	35	...	...	...	25.3
801	509	Glaxo	586	-7	17.0	3.6	16.2
38	16	Glenchewton	33½	...	...	...	...
318	245	Glynwed	311	-2	11.0	4.7	26.9
116	66	Goode Durrant	116 †	...	...	5.8	...
138	102	Grampian Hd	138	+2	5.5	5.0	34.0
458	341	Granada	437	-9	7.7	2.2	23.3
407	301	Great Shrn	390	...	...	3.5	16.0
96	78	Green (Ernst)	88	...	...	4.9	12.2
15½	8½	Greenacre	13½	...	...	2.5	13.6
17	8	Guardian Gp	10½	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Haden MacLn	53½	+1	...	4.8	18.9
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	79 †	...	...	0.8	...
235	115	Hall Eng	228	-1	8.6	4.7	19.0
228	161	Halma	219 †	...	...	1.1	29.4
49	30	Hampson Ind	41	-1	1.6	4.9	13.5
265½	222	Hanson	255½	-1½	...	5.6	12.9
221	187	Harris (Philip)	206	...	...	4.2	12.5
198	147	Harrisn Crsfld	194	-1	9.0	5.9	27.5
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	46	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
13½	5	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
395	301	Hepworth	370	-2	14.6	4.9	16.3
228	160	Hewitt (J)	210	...	3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	38	...	1.3	...	...
160	112½	Hill & Smith	160	+1	...	4.4	22.3
10½	6½	Hobson	10	...	...	...	48.1
158	87	Holders Tech	158 †	+9	...	4.7	20.6
51	30	Hopkinsons	51	...	1.3	3.2	21.1
167	133	Hornby	144	...	...	7.8	13.6
88	54½	Howden	88	...	2.2	3.2	∞
260	173	Hunting	259	-1	...	4.8	21.9
473	369½	Huntign Tec	470	+2	...	2.7	12.0
313	247	IMI	306	-2½	...	4.1	26.1
112	90	ISA Intl	103	...	1.5	1.8	16.0
205	144	Intercare Gp	145	+1	...	2.2	15.3
255	235	Botton	245	...	3.9	2.0	15.7
543	360	Jardine Math	518	-7	...	2.4	18.8
537	425	Johnson Matth	488	...	...	2.6	21.4
64	36½	Johnson & FB	42	...	3.0	8.9	13.0
177	104	Johnston	164	...	3.2	2.5	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	28	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	33	+1	0.7	2.9	...
75	26	Kalamazoo	75	+1½	2.1	3.5	17.4
178	73	Kalon	167½	...	...	2.4	23.1
297	253	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kenshaw (A)	533	...	27.0	6.3	27.7
235	75	Kleeneze	205	-1	...	...	...
151	61	LGW	150	...	3.0	2.5	12.3
351	266	Laird	348	-1	...	3.8	17.1
167	110	Lilleshall	167 †	...	...	3.4	20.6
163	97	Lincat	162	...	...	3.9	14.0
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse	18½	...	...	...	15.2
128	76	Linread	121	...	3.7	3.9	18.7
225	170	Linson Park	223	...	...	7.6	8.1
15½	10½	Lionheart	12	-½	0.2	2.1	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	21	...	1.0	6.0	30.5
274	173	Lon Intl	224	...	9.4	5.3	17.1
135	70	Loncho	128½	+½	...	3.9	...
382	269	Low & Bonar	375 †	+2	...	3.0	52.5
343	265	MB-Caradon	314	-2	...	3.4	34.3
169½	135	-do- pf	154½	-1	7.2	5.9	...
34	14½	ML Hdgs	34	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	41	+1	...	7.6	43.2
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
215	168	Macfarlane	213	...	...	1.9	26.1
454	379	McKechnie	454	...	14.7	4.1	22.5
106	85	McLeod Russel	100	...	6.0	7.5	12.2
10½	3½	Maddox	4½	...	...	...	23.2
99	63	Magnolia	99	+3	0.1	0.1	15.9
106	71	Mang Bronze	101	...	1.0	1.2	...
26½	19½	Marling	23½	+1	...	3.5	...
192	124	Mayborn	186	...	...	3.4	15.4
55	29	Mayflower	54	...	...	2.9	45.1
236	85	Medeva	109½	+1½	...	2.6	8.7
114	88	Meggitt	112	-1	...	4.2	19.1
125	98	Metalr	121	...	...	3.8	19.6
148	126	Metrotect	148	+4	...	2.7	20.6
81	70	Merseca	81	+1	...	...	...
83	29	Midstates	75	...	...	1.5	10.4
25	14	Mining & Ald	23½	-½	0.5	2.7	...
488	368	Molins	465	...	...	3.8	12.1
345	262	Morgan Cble	334	...	...	4.7	17.8
184	134	Morris Ashby	184	...	...	3.7	14.0
31	18	Neepsend	27 †	...	0.7	3.5	36.2
62	34	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
191	122	Nobo Gp	186	...	4.8	3.2	∞
173	122½	Norcros	167	-1	...	5.2	24.4
51	35	Novo Group	46 †	+3	...	3.5	14.8
413	310	Nu-Swift	333	...	...	...	∞
57	30	Office Elec Mac	57	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	33	...	1.7	6.6	...
140	123	PCT	128	...	...	7.1	14.5
48	36	Pacer Systems	37	...	...	10.3	...
138	101	Pentland	110	-2	...	2.8	15.0
393	310	Photo-Me	392	...	4.4	1.4	20.0
154	97½	Pilkington	151	-1	...	3.3	...
79	68	Plantsbrook	78	...	3.0	4.8	12.3
154	125	Polypipe	139	+1	1.9	1.8	20.1
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	34	...	...	4.6	15.6
11½	5½	Porth Gp	9	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	359	...	...	2.3	18.7
31	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	8.8
54	33½	RFS Group	50	...	2.2	5.6	10.8
95	73	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil	130	+1	...	1.0	43.5
801	636	Rank Org	782	-6	31.0	5.0	21.4
33	18	Ransomes	18	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	609	-1	...	3.3	22.1
77	50	Record	72	...	3.6	6.3	35.4
7½	2½	Reece	6	+½	...	...	...
222	131	Relyon	221 †	+11	4.9	2.8	26.5
303	208	Renishaw	260	-1	6.5	3.1	19.0
89	55	Renold	89	...	...	1.4	...
1573	1240	Reuters	1525	-12	21.2	1.7	25.2
54	24½	Rexmore	54 †	+4	...	4.1	...
150	91	Ricardo Group	150	...	5.7	4.8	42.2
68	58	Richard (Leics)	68	...	4.4	8.1	...
98	63	Richardson West	99	...	3.0	4.3	22.5
128	109	Ropner	126	...	8.2	9.2	17.9
124	97	-do- 'A'	124	...	8.2	8.3	17.6
38	24	Ross Gp	30	+1	0.6	2.7	12.3
182	131½	Rotork	174	...	...	2.7	20.1
160	89	Rubicon	160	...	...	3.3	∞
65	43	Russell (A)	61	...	...	2.0	...
29	15	SEP Indl	25 †	...	...	3.8	22.9
1012½	625	SKF 'B'	912½	-62½	...	...	...
51	39	Saville Grdn (J)	51	...	2.2	5.6	∞
248	205	Scapa	235½	-1	...	3.0	17.9
238	192	Scholl	220	...	...	3.6	16.0
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5½	...	...	...	...
1073	917	Securicor	1073	+2	2.6	0.3	40.8
765	562	-do- 'A'	748	-12	2.6	0.4	28.5
660	465	Security Serv	643	-12	5.0	1.0	31.8
116½	77	Senior Eng	116½	...	...	3.4	19.4
361	286	Seton Health	304	+6	...	2.4	17.9
66	42	Sheldon Jones	65	...	...	...	...
133	88	Shiloh	118	...	2.9	3.1	12.7
344	281	Sidlaw	306	...	...	4.1	19.7
561	427	Siebe	558	+4	...	2.2	20.6
363	220	Silentnight	363	-1	...	2.8	21.3
142	102	Sime Darby	119	...	...	3.6	13.6
72	32	Simon Eng	66	...	5.0	9.5	15.1
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	195	...	7.0	4.5	12.6
47	36	Six Hundred	38	...	...	5.8	...
164	139½	Smith & Neph	145½	-½	...	4.0	16.0
513	390	Smiths Ind	450 †	-8½	8.6	2.4	16.3
450	340	Smiths Ind	397 †	-11½	...	3.3	14.3
394	320	Smiths Ind	385	-4	11.2	3.7	15.7
140	56	Sthn Bus	61	+3	3.3	6.9	5.8
430	265	Spandex	428	...	...	1.9	19.0
650	500	Spear (JW)	550	...	4.0	3.2	10.1
374	314	Spirax-Sarco	370	-3	...	3.1	25.5
145	44	Spring Ram	62½	-1	...	0.7	17.1
270	232	Staveley	255	-1	...	4.1	14.6
162	126	Sterling Ind	161	...	...	4.3	26.7
26	11	Stonehill	24½	...	...	...	...
197	47	Suter	185	-2	8.6	5.9	19.4
361	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	343	-5	...	2.6	∞
7	4	Sycamore	4½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	64	...	...	7.8	12.2
275	240	Sytlone	275	...	...	4.3	18.3
360	279	TI	357 †	-3	...	3.7	24.4
25	12	TL Range	25	-1	...	1.5	...
290	211	TT Group	273	...	...	3.0	16.8
249	220	Takare	240	+2	1.5	0.9	19.9
868	618	Taiseda Chem	814	-25	...	0.5	21.6
66	24	Tex Hldgs	65	-1	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (El)	94	...	...	7.2	∞
225	150	Titon	225	...	...	2.0	19.6
271	212½	Tomkins	234	+½	...	3.4	21.2
110½	67	Trafalgar H	108½	+2	...	3.7	7.9
579	346	Transfer Tech	454	...	16.0	4.4	11.4
193	158½	Triplex Lloyd	174	...	7.0	5.0	∞
252	214	UniChem	244	+4	5.6	2.9	16.0
375	275½	Unidare	375	...	...	5.2	12.2
76	11½	Uniproup	42	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1096	+7	21.3	2.5	14.4
7112½	6062½	Unilever (NV)	6950	-50	...	2.9	11.7
915	513	VSEL	886	+6	...	4.1	9.5
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	152½	+½	...	1.2	...
367	243	Victaulic	296	-4	...	3.3	14.6
439	393	Vinten	439	+3	...	2.0	20.4
660	427	Vosper Thorny	660	+6	...	3.3	16.0
46	41	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	4.1	11.7
468	366	Watson Ind	409 †	...	...	5.3	16.0
93	71	Walker Greenbk	95	+2	3.1	4.2	23.7
258	201	Wassall	245	-4	2.5	1.3	21.7
36	22	Wirlord Wdgwd	38	...	...	...	...
384	231	Weir	365	-5	...	2.0	20.6
993	610	Wellcome	745	+5	13.0	2.2	20.6
23½	19	Wellman	20½	...	0.9	5.5	33.5
343	260	West Hlthcare	343 †	...	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	496	...	9.5	2.4	16.9
353	267	Whessoe	287	-2	...	3.5	11.1
65	27	Whitecroft	63	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
111	44	Wilkes (James)	106	-5	3.5	4.1	31.0
365	295½	Williams Hldg	347	-2	12.5	4.5	18.2
36½	17	Wilshaw	35½	...	...	1.8	22.4
661	531	Wolseley	639	-1	12.5	2.5	22.1
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	7.5	1.5	45.3
46	35	Wyko	40 †	...	...	3.1	...
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1643½	-6½	...	4.1	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2243½	-37½	...	3.3	...
47	30	Archer (AJ)	47	+2	4.4	...	22.9
148	118	Bradstock	141 †	...	5.1	4.5	17.4
498	359	Britannic	456	+4	...	3.1	...
667	556	Com Union	627 †	+4	...	4.9	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1558	...	...	1.4	25.7
56	18	FAI	36	+2	...	...	...
699	546	Gen Accident	692	-6	26.7	4.9	...
219	160	GRE	209	+1	7.0	4.2	17.4
411	293	Heath C E	405	...	...	4.9	...
228	168	Hogg Gp	220	+1	8.1	4.6	20.0
218	164	JIB Group	205	-2	7.5	4.6	20.7
513	408½	Legal & Gen	489	+2	...	4.9	29.7
1092	768	Liberty Life	971	+21	...	3.0	16.6
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	433	-1	17.3	5.0	15.6
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	338	...	5.6	2.1	24.9
368	274	London & Man	353	...	14.2	5.0	26.0
429	321	Lowndes Lmb	429 †	+1	13.5	3.9	15.4
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5943½	+143½	...	3.0	...
97	76	Oriel	96	...	...	6.5	...
72	50½	PWS	71	...	4.0	7.0	10.3
349	282½	Prudential	333½	+1½	...	4.5	22.2
1138	800	Refuge	963	+1	31.5	4.1	26.7
347	248	Royal	334	+4	...	2.5	...
204	150	Sedgwick	195 †	+3	...	3.9	23.7
261	205	Steel Burrill	252	+1	...	6.6	14.9
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	78	+1	8.2	...	7.9
399	307	Sun Alliance	393	...	14.2	4.5	...
61	50	Trade Indemnity	55	...	...	...	...
328	239	Transatlantic	328 †	+4	12.0	4.6	30.4
773	499	Utd Friendly	625	-3	14.5	2.9	27.2
240	171	Willis Corroon	235	+2	...	3.5	50.1
20	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1800	1548	Alliance	1776	-4	45.0	3.2	38.5
264	226½	Amer Trust	256	-2½	4.9	2.4	53.1
404	304	Anc & O'seas	399 †	+1	0.8	2.1	50.7
141	124	BZW Conv	140½	...	7.8	6.9	16.4
186	133½	Bankers	179	-½	3.4	3.4	49.2
310	264	Baring Tribne	310	+1	6.4	2.6	49.0
187	131	Berry Starq	186	...	2.2	1.5	60.5
110	96½	Br Assets	106½	-1	...	5.0	26.1
82	57½	Br Empire Sec	81	...	0.8	1.4	...
29	14	-do- Wnts	28½	...	...	...	...
188	156	Br Inv	188	+1	4.5	3.0	42.4
186	130	Contl Asset	185	...	2.4	1.6	61.5
195	143	Derby Inc	150	+3	...	11.9	9.0
280	195	-do- Cap	280	...	...	...	...
79	62	Drayton Blue	78	...	8.4	13.5	8.7
81	35	-do- Eng Ind	80	...	1.2	1.9	...
133	84	-do- Far East	128	-2	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	116	-1	0.5	0.6	...
656	576	Dunedn Inc G	655	-1	25.4	4.9	29.7
100	94	-do- Japan	97½	-1	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	54	-1	...	...	...
689	513	-do- Wwde	685	-1	9.5	1.7	70.6
291	222	Dundee & Lon	291	...	...	3.9	26.8
300	250½	Edinburgh	297	+1	8.4	3.5	30.3
287	183	Electra Inv	281	-2	6.7	3.0	38.3
189	141	Electric Gen	187 †	...	5.1	2.1	∞
112	85	English Scot	112	...	...	...	...
298	205	European Asset	296	-1	...	2.4	38.4
121	77	Finsbury 'A'	121	...	3.0	3.1	38.9
291	248	Fleming Amer	286	-1	0.7	0.3	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	218	...	...	3.1	43.0
318	212	Do Contl	317	-1	2.7	1.1	...
200	147	-do- Emrg	200 †	...	4.7	2.9	∞
334	213	-do- F East	325	-3	1.1	0.4	...
318	246	-do- Fledg	318	...	3.0	1.2	...
118	93	-do- HI Inc	104	...	...	5.3	17.8
260	136	-do- Japan	246	-2	0.3	0.2	...
287	260	-do- Merc	283	-1	6.7	3.0	60.2
292	212	-do- Oseas	288	-1½	4.0	1.7	66.7
258	203	Foreign & Col	253 †	...	...	1.7	68.9
214	164	-do- Eurotst	213½	...	1.2	0.7	...
123	87	-do- German	121	+1	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	308	-3	1.9	0.8	...
160	116	-do- Smaller	160	...	1.6	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	257	-3	...	0.6	...
145	65	Genl Cons Cap	143	-1	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	113 †	-1	...	9.3	11.7
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	140	-2	...	...	...
316	181	-do- Oriental	308	-3	0.9	0.4	...
282	205	-do- Strategy	279	-1	...	3.0	38.5
392	340	Greenfriar	392	...	...	2.0	58.9
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
54	47	Independent Inv	53½	...	0.6	1.4	∞
142	124	Inv Cap	141	...	5.1	4.5	28.3
97	77	IRS UK Smlr	96	...	2.8	3.6	26.8
204½	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	204	...	5.0	3.1	39.7
239	176	-do- O'seas	233 †	-2	3.3	1.8	66.2
127	108	-do- Smlr	125	...	4.0	4.0	30.3
680	540	Law Debenture	677 †	+7	18.2	3.4	33.8
190	164	Majedie	190	...	...	3.1	36.8
272	221	Merchants	269	...	10.6	4.9	25.0
6037½	3700	Merrill Lynch	6037½	+106½	...	...	...
488	383	Monks Inv Tst	487	...	...	1.7	61.7
131	105	Morg Gren Inc	131	...	...	4.3	26.4
47	23	Do Warrants	47	...	...	...	...
56	39	Murray Euro	55	...	0.1	0.4	...
21	4½	Do Wts	21	...	...	...	...
339	282	Murray Incme	339	+3	...	4.0	32.3
339	265	-do- Intl	337	+2	11.4	4.2	30.4
377	263	-do- Small	376	...	4.2	1.4	∞
103	93	-do- S/C Inc	93	...	...	14.2	9.1
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	134	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
153½	142½	-do- S/C DP	153½	...	...	...	...
314	230	-do- Vent	314	+2	...	3.1	24.8
88	56½	New Frontier	87	...	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Nrthrug Inc	80	...	6.7	10.5	15.0
336	249	O'seas Inv Tst	329	-2	3.8	1.1	...
411	285	Pacific Assets	405	...	1.1	0.3	...
314	187	Do Warrants	309	-1	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8300	...	...	2.4	49.6
156	100	RIT Cap Pthr	155	...	1.1	0.9	...
126	108	River & Merc	122 †	...	9.2	9.4	12.2
419	350	Robeco	418	-1	...	3.0	...
423	346	Rolinco	418	-5	...	1.6	...
299	214	St Andrew Inv	279 †	+3	7.5	3.4	37.5
156½	131	Scot American	152½	...	...	3.8	32.3
225	136	Scott Asian	221	-1	...	...	...
505	225	do Warrants	498	...	...	...	...
91½	63½	-do- Eastern	79	-1	1.5	2.4	51.0
221	183	Scottish	216	...	4.6	2.7	44.8
225	178	-do- Mtge	221½	+½	4.0	2.3	57.5
92½	71	-do- Value	92	...	...	2.4	65.5
1992	1390	Second Allnce	1990	...	34.5	2.9	42.7
89	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	88	...	3.2	4.6	39.1
157	107½	Selective Asset	156	...	1.2	1.0	56.1
35	14	Sphere Inv	34	+½	3.1	11.7	10.7
164	112	TR Far East	158 †	-1	4.5	3.6	34.7
152	126	TR City Of Lon	150 †	-1	4.8	4.0	∞
166	110	TR Pacific	163	-1	0.3	0.3	...
32	17	TR Property	30	...	0.9	3.8	31.5
95	47	TR Tech Inv	95	+1	1.7	2.3	35.2
195	146	TR Smlr Cos	194½	+½	3.8	2.4	∞
348	283	Temple Bar	330 †	-1	13.2	4.9	25.6
97	69	Thrmtn Asian E	97	...	0.5	0.6	...
78	54	Throgmorton	77	...	3.3	3.7	31.4
548	363	Throg Dual Cp	543	-5	...	...	...
229	179	USDC Invest	229	...	4.5	2.5	42.1
112	76½	Value Inc Tst	107	...	3.6	4.2	26.9
669	542	Whitbread Inv	664	+1	16.5	3.1	40.3
216	191	Witan	212½	-1	5.6	3.3	37.2

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
361	269	Airtours	374	-1	7.2	2.4	13.2
64	42	Ald Leis	59	...	4.7	...	16.9
357	194	Anglia TV	329	...	...	3.5	15.2
103	63	Baldwin	74 †	+1	3.0	5.1	10.0
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	229	...	11.0	5.5	14.6
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1245	...	22.0	2.2	18.7
153	90	Border TV	156	...	...	3.1	∞
16½	4½	Brent Walker	7½	...	...	...	...
58	46	Bristol Scons	53	...	...	...	...
6	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
292	110	Campari	136	...	...	11.0	...
216	171	Capital Radio	215	...	5.2	3.1	24.8
819	718	Carlton Comm	905	-3	17.0	2.6	23.7
200	158	Castle Comm	175	...	...	6.1	16.0
2063	1615	Central TV	1963	...	38.0	2.4	21.4
63	61	Chrysalis	68	...	...	...	...
586	470	Compass Gp	565	+22	...	2.6	17.6
350	175	Eurocamp	230	...	9.7	5.3	9.5
1160	625	Euro Disney	640	+5	...	1.8	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	...
36	18	Ex-Lands	32	-1	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	365	...	10.5	5.0	...
378	304	First Leisure	304	-2	6.1	3.5	20.0
515	298	GWR Gp	510	...	...	1.7	26.2
239	149	Grampian	238	...	6.1	3.2	16.5
15	4½	Greenwich Comm	14	...	...	...	...
67	19	HTV Group	65	...	...	...	26.9
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	55	+8	...	4.5	...
20	5½	Kunick	11½	...	...	...	...
490	262	LWT CP	465	...	...	1.3	21.5
461	327	Man Utd	460	+2	18.0	4.2	16.5
148	59	Owners Abrd	79	...	3.5	5.6	6.2
69	33	The Pelican Gp	69	+1	...	2.0	∞
160	55	Prism Leisure	135	...	...	3.0	12.5
30	16	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
318	274	Radio Clyde	314	+11	...	3.4	24.6
191	132	Ramsdens (H)	191	+4	...	2.9	25.3
553	431	Scot TV	521	...	9.0	2.4	25.6
60	37	Southern Radio	41	+1	0.7	2.4	17.1
251	168	Stanley Leisure	250	...	4.3	2.2	19.7
10	5	Sunleigh	7½	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.4	∞
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	91	...	...	...	3.0
78	44	Trans World	55	...	...	1.8	20.1
489	274	Ulster TV	488	...	10.0	2.6	15.0
101	62	Vardon	101	...	0.7	0.9	23.8
22	11	Wembley	15½	...	0.2	7.6	...
48	7½	Whitegate	42	-3	...	...	...
218	110	Yorkshire TV	214	-1	12.0	7.0	6.5
120	83	Zenith Gp	115 †	...	8.0	8.7	∞

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4487½	-109½	...	4.6	21.6
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1425	-6½	...	6.5	7.1
2300	1125	Ang Am	2050	-34½	...	3.4	16.9
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	24	+½	...	...	...
133	33	Blyvoors	113	-13	...	5.4	6.2
46	18	Bracken	32	-3	...	...	1.7
871	233	Bullels	646	-31	...	10.1	∞
2½	1	Butte	2	...	...	...	...
691	546	CRA	691	+6	...	3.0	22.3
43½	11	Cluff Res	39	-½	...	...	...
1312½	762½	De Beers	1231½	-34½	...	4.1	16.0
165	37½	Deelkraal	133	+4	...	1.5	∞
96	7	Doornfontein	33	-3	...	...	...
913	386	Driefontein	700	-27	...	4.4	∞
709	120	Durban	530	+1	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	131	-2	...	8.9	3.6
270	54	E Rand Prop	215	...	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	372	...	...	3.3	8.6
899	292	FS Cons	735	-32	...	7.0	6.7
80	6	FS Dev	63	...	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1312	-6½	...	7.1	∞
180	125	Gencor	157	...	...	6.3	12.2
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	50½	-1	...	2.7	12.4
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15	...	...	...	...
167	49	Grootvlei	109	...	...	9.6	6.4
380	78	Harmony	295	+1	...	...	...
425	87	Harties	315	-9	...	6.2	∞
16	8½	Inocco	14	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	809	...	...	3.5	26.4
13½	6	Kenmare Res	9½	...	...	...	...
1080	332	Kinross	856	-10	...	5.7	9.7
913	319	Kloof	625	-36	...	3.6	∞
137	25	Leslie	101	...	...	4.1	10.1
214	13	Loraine	162	-7	...	...	...
840	620	Lydenburg	780	...	...	2.2	46.6
116½	51½	MIM	102	...	...	3.4	13.1
1365	820	Minorco	1175	+7	...	3.7	20.7
1365	91	Nth Brkn Hill	134	...	...	3.2	36.3
2387½	612½	Orange Free	1875	-99½	...	7.0	14.3
709	607	RTZ	697	+9	...	3.3	2.7
637½	425	Rand Mines	593½	...	...	9.9	...
671	190	Randfontein	538	-16	...	5.6	...
180	115	Renison	179	...	...	2.5	17.4
1200	650	Rustnbrg	1106½	...	...	3.0	∞
595	191	St Helena	480	-16	...	5.1	9.6
2169	475	Southvaal	1764	+4	...	3.3	30.5
109	18	Stilfontein	96	-3	...	7.6	16.7
201	58	Unisel	118	...	...	2.6	11.4
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	4875	-125	...	4.5	8.3
582	154	Welkom	496	-12	...	7.0	14.3
351	26	Western Areas	285	-6	...	2.5	∞
2512½	587½	Western Deep	2150	-62½	...	2.9	9.9
283	176	Wstrn Mining	256	...	...	...	...
1029	323	Winkels	877	-17	...	1.2	7.2
84	56	Zambia Copper	63	-1	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	40	...	...	7.7	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	233	...	3.0	2.9	12.5
130	95	Airflow Stream	130	...	5.2	4.1	...
160	82	Appleyard	159	...	...	3.7	15.1
295	203	Bletchley Mtr	295	...	...	...	...
158	120	Bostrom	156	-5	6.0	4.7	27.9
468	165	Br Aerospace	449	-5	7.0	1.9	...
52	10½	Burndene	47	-1	...	3.1	12.5
388	303	Caffyns	386	...	11.5	3.7	78.5
12½	4½	Caverdale	11	-½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtrs	133 †	...	...	3.8	33.8
29	18	Cook (DC)	27 †	...	...	2.8	∞
267	156	Cowie (T)	262 †	...	6.2	3.0	19.9
133	86	Dag Motors	133	+1	5.7	5.4	24.0
150	102½	Davnpn Vern	150	+1	...	3.4	19.0
297	155	ERF	296	+2	2.0	0.8	...
131	92	European Mtr	130	+1	...	3.4	16.3
394	208	Evans Halshaw	393	...	11.8	3.6	60.0
290	226	FR Group	274	+4	...	3.3	12.8
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3381½	+68½	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	3025 †	+93½	...	1.2	...
73	38	Gowrings	73	...	2.0	3.4	...
221	85	Henlys	221	+5	3.0	1.7	...
917	650	Honda Motor	870	-31	...	0.6	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	36	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	108	...	4.5	5.2	...
166	97	Kwik-Fit	163	...	...	2.6	29.1
418	291	Lex Service	418 †	...	...	3.2	22.9
159	85	Lookers	154 †	...	6.2	5.0	...
163	136	Lucas	154	-4	7.0	5.7	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	23½	...	...	...	...
276	224½	Pendragon	275	...	...	3.0	22.2
198	106	Perry Gp	198	+2	6.0	3.8	...
183	108	Quicks Group	182	-1	...	3.1	23.1
164	99	Rolls-Royce	156½	-1	...	4.0	...
223	164	T & N	219	-3	...	6.2	35.1
205	163	Trinity Hldgs	205	...	...	3.4	∞
161	125	Vardy (Reg)	161	...	...	3.3	22.5
235	121	Westland	221	...	4.2	2.4	19.5

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
168	105	Adscene	166	...	4.0	3.0	17.2
340	315	Black (A&C)	339	...	13.5	5.0	13.9
608	423	Blenheim Gp	458	...	...	2.5	17.1
370	275	Bristol	343	...	...	4.3	31.0
£102	7775	Daily Mail	£101	+225	13.0	1.6	22.7
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£101	+250	13.0	1.6	22.7
305	251	Dorling Kind	293	+3	...	1.3	28.0
373	322	EMAP	354	+7	...	2.1	21.8
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1058	+3	29.5	3.5	23.8
237	170	Harrington K	207	+3	4.5	2.7	16.0
418	233	Haynes Pub	418	...	6.0	1.8	18.0
355	343	Hodder H'line	355	...	5.0	1.6	30.2
140	90	Home Counts	139	...	6.0	5.4	...
140	30	Intl Bus Comm	133	...	...	...	...
9	6½	Intl Cm & Data	7½	...	...	...	19.2
375	240	Independent	375	...	...	3.1	18.4
557	395	Johnstne Press	557	...	6.2	1.4	24.1
316	243	Metal Bulletn	315 †	...	8.0	3.2	22.2
181	86	Mirror Gp	175	+1	...	...	...
422	297	News Corp	418	...	...	0.3	28.1
258	169	News Intl	256	+2	...	0.5	17.9
491	354	Pearson	483	...	...	3.1	29.4
675	510	Portsmth Sund	624	...	...	1.9	17.2
713	618	Reed Int	711	+8	...	3.0	30.7
148	98	Southnews	141	...	...	1.9	26.1
171	90	Sterling Pub	170	-1	...	2.2	16.5
402	328	Telegraph	388	...	...	3.5	16.3
825	715	Thomson Corp	745 †	-20	...	2.0	37.2
380	313	Trinity Intl	379	+1	8.7	2.9	22.7
39	29	Unit Group	29	-5	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspaprs	566	-4	...	4.7	16.8

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	36	-1	...	...	35.1
61	37	Arcon Intl	43	-1	...	...	...
69½	41½	Atl Oil & Gas	67	...	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	69	...	...	...	...
16	6	Beverley	12	...	...	...	...
202	145	Br Borneo	202	...	7.1	4.4	6.1
339½	276	British Gas	331½	-5	14.2	5.4	16.0
326	225	Br Petroleum	308½	-3½	8.4	3.5	23.4
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
786	675	Burmah Castrl	765	-2	...	4.0	18.3
65	32	Cairn Energy	53	...	...	...	7.6
268	223	Calor Gp	249	-4	...	6.0	20.7
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	52½	-½	...	...	...
44	27	Coplex Res	40	...	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gs	19½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	431	...	16.0	4.6	53.2
86	33	Exp Co Louis	35	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	20½	...	...	2.2	0.5
67	45	Goal Pet	58	...	1.4	3.0	11.1
44	16	Gt Western Res	42	+1	...	...	...
163½	104½	Hardy O & G	148	+1	...	0.8	13.8
46	18½	Kelt Energy	40	...	...	...	...
195	130	LASMO	136½	+5½	3.3	3.0	27.7
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	10	Mid Scot Res	13	...	...	...	...
49	34	Monument	48½	-2½	...	...	78.1
6½	4	New London	5½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	27	+1	1.0	4.6	9.3
35	27	Oil Search	32	...	...	...	...
16	11½	Petrol	15	...	...	...	...
126	90	Pict Pet	119	+1	...	...	16.5
29½	18	Premier	25	...	...	...	9.2
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.3	...
393	290	Ranger	330	-10	...	4.6	...
6637½	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6537½	+9½	...	4.6	16.3
4900	3000	Schlumberger	4362½	-150	...	1.9	...
67	47	Seafield	53	...	...	...	...
665	515	Shell	650½	-2	21.9	4.2	20.0
203	177	Sunrise Eng St	179	...	...	...	...
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	5.9
12½	9	Villiers Grp	11½	...	...	...	...
172	141	Woodside	161	+1	...	3.2	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
132	120	AG Holdings	131	+1	...	5.0	11.9
331	239	API	323	...	7.5	2.9	28.1
208	144	Arjo Wiggins	195	...	...	4.2	19.1
525	408	Abbott Mead	523	...	9.3	2.2	25.1
1½	½	Acsis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
40	13	Aegis Gp	35	...	...	4.9	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	134	...	...	4.0	12.0
13	7	BBB Design	13	...	...	...	...
395	254½	Bemrose	393	...	...	3.7	16.1
33	12	Birkdale	13	...	0.2	1.9	11.0
138	116	Bunzl	137	+4	4.0	3.6	20.7
302	257	CIA Gp	300 †	...	...	1.8	19.0
224	93	Capital Inds	224	...	...	1.8	21.4
79	44	Cln of Lon	76	...	...	6.3	14.0
236	169	Cropper (James)	232	...	3.1	1.7	22.4
6	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckging	90	...	1.6	2.3	12.1
117	94	Dolphin Pack	106	...	4.5	5.3	26.2
78	42	Dudley Jenkins	78 †	...	...	5.0	17.7
15½	11½	Elswick	12	...	...	3.1	15.4
73	41	Fairway Group	64 †	...	3.1	6.2	18.9
323	271	Ferguson Intl	320	+1	...	4.9	14.5
106	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.2	26.3
133	74	Filofax	133	...	...	1.2	17.1
20	14	Finch	15½	...	...	...	...
122	69	Gibbon Lyons	120	-1	...	5.2	13.5
295	247	Gold Greenlees	287	...	8.3	3.7	∞
41	30	Goodhead	34	...	0.5	2.6	...
88	35	Hunterprint	50	...	...	...	...
195	136	Interneurope	160	...	7.4	5.9	10.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	250	...	...	2.3	23.3
32	15	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
308	175	More O'Ferrall	308	...	13.2	5.4	36.6
133	48	NMC Group	127	+3	2.0	2.0	19.4
133	66	Osborne & Little	133	+2	...	4.3	14.6
517	456	Portals	505	...	...	3.6	17.3
266	167	Quarto	254	...	5.3	2.6	14.0
347	297	St Ives Gp	305	...	5.2	2.2	20.8
185½	142½	Saatchi	166	...	...	...	...
474	333	Sappi	382	-6	...	9.6	7.4
20	11½	Serif	19½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	25	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	393	-1	...	3.2	20.6
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	251	-5	...	2.9	17.0
68	45	Sonic	63	...	1.5	3.0	25.8
246	163	Star-Plus	226	...	5.0	4.4	31.3
27½	16½	Taylor Nelson	27½	...	0.3	1.4	22.9
68	36	VTR	66	...	...	6.2	19.4
93	40	WPP	90	...	...	1.4	3.4
156	62	Wace	143	-3	...	2.0	...
255	203	Waddington (J)	255	...	...	3.9	19.1
728	540	Watmough	728	...	11.5	2.0	28.6
7	4½	Weston	6	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck	34	...	...	...	...
97	55	Wood (SW)	78	...	...	2.0	16.7

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
93	41	Allied Lon	93	...	3.5	4.7	...
63	58	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
97	52	Asda	97	+2	...	2.7	10.2
139	88	Avonside	135	...	4.0	3.7	18.9
2637½	2062½	BCE	2237½	-25	...	...	...
607	396	Bilton	607	...	18.9	3.9	21.9
110	23	Bourne End	95	-1	1.0	1.3	...
219	150	Bradford	217	+3	5.4	3.1	22.0
23	5	Bredero	13½	...	...	...	...
370	166½	Br Land	367	...	...	2.4	33.4
240	140½	Brixton	234	...	...	4.5	18.5
73	42	Burford	73	+1	...	2.0	...
164	99	Cap & Regnl	164	...	...	0.8	...
198	120	Cardiff Prop	195	...	...	2.4	15
417	196	Chesterfield	417	...	...	11.0	3.3	29.8
39	12	City Site Ests	39	...	...	1.4	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
53	34	Conrad Rblst GS	51	...	...	...	...
1225	818	Daejan	1225 †	+12	...	2.8	15.1
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenhm Twsn	89	+3	...	4.2	17.3
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Dencora	133	...	3.0	2.8	...
503	265	Derwent Hldgs	500	...	8.6	2.2	62.3
43	10	Development Sec	43	-2	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	52	...	...	...	...
260	170	Estates Agency	260	...	3.0	...	23.8
27	7½	Estates Gen	21	...	...	...	...
214	132	Evans Of Leeds	210	+1	...	2.7	18.5
30	11	Five Oaks	30	...	...	...	...
62	30	Fletcher King	62	...	1.0	3.0	41.1
454	276½	Frogmore	454	...	...	1.1	26.4
200	97	Grainger	199	...	5.2	3.3	44.5
207	110½	Gr Portland	202	+1	...	6.2	19.4
26½	7½	Greycoat	20	...	5.2	...	...
149	101	HK Land	148	-1	...	4.4	20.2
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	67½	...	...	...	...
395	257½	Hammerson	392	+1	10.0	3.2	34.7
663	245	-do- 'A'	360	+1	10.0	3.5	36.4
252	127	Helical Bar	252	+4	...	2.4	9.1
31	19	Hemingway	30	...	...	...	...
132	56	Hertng Baker	66	...	...	3.7	7.1	16.6
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
682	435	Land Sec	670	-2	22.8	4.3	20.2
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	107	-½	4.0	4.7	16.6
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
499	219½	MEPC	490	-2	...	3.1	21.1
9	5	McInerney A	9 #	...	...	...	...
135	90	Mckay Secs	132 †	...	3.5	3.3	∞
7½	3	Markheath	5½	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	41	-1	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
40	27	Mountview Est	40	...	...	...	...
1250	775	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	11.6
166	112	Muckllow (A&J)	166	+1	5.9	4.5	22.2
40	15	Olives Prop	36	...	1.5	5.2	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	9	...	0.1	...	1.5
147	86	PSIT	145 †	+4	4.1	3.6	25.3
273	138	Peel	273 †	...	4.0	1.8	∞
16	7	Power Corp	8	+1	...	...	0.4
48	22	Property Trust	37	...	...	...	...
75	42	Raglan	45	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	20	...	...	...	...
175	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
38	16	St Modwen Prp	36	...	0.6	2.1	27.4
70	39	Savills	62	...	...	2.0	24.5
89	54	Scot Met	89	...	1.5	...	...
105	39	Shaftesbury	99	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	13	...	...	...	6.6
241	139½	Slough Estates	240	+6	...	4.2	16.3
93	56	Southend Prop	72	...	4.2	7.4	∞
38	16	Stanhope Prps	24	...	...	...	...
192	114	Tops Ests	182 †	...	...	2.1	14.6	64.9
125	80	Town Centre	125	...	3.1	3.1	55.3
83	43	Trafford Park	75	...	2.5	4.7	20.2
66	3	UK Land	8	-1½	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
258	180	Warner	257	...	10.5	5.1	25.5
202	166	Warnford	190 †	...	7.5	4.9	13.9
5	2½	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
83	35	Wates	82	...	0.7	1.2	...
76	40	Wood John De	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	15	...	...	...	...
160	84	Headlam	160	+1	...	2.0	36.1
500	315	Lambert	315	...	13.0	5.2	7.7
100	51	Pittards	62	...	2.0	4.0	17.7
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
187	99	Stylo	179 †	...	...	2.1	66.5
65	53	Ul. Salev	65	...	...	23.8	2.1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	483 †	+1	12.6	3.3	15.5
69	54	Beckman (A)	65	...	4.7	...	12.6
35	21	Bohon Gp	35	...	...	...	17.6
170	141	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
53	15	Chatwell	43	+2	...	...	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	339	...	7.2	2.7	21.2
601	522	Courtauld Tex	554	+6	13.6	3.1	17.2
53½	34½	Cupid	28	...	...	...	...
248½	205	Dawson	224	-1	...	5.0	17.1
38	22	Drummond	36	...	...	...	...
81	65	Faupel	31	...	...	7.6	12.5
34	15	Foster (John)	22	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	117	...	4.2	4.5	...
198	156	Hicking Pntcst	198	+2	...	2.5	15.4
61	45	Jerome (S)	61	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	344	+2	12.0	4.4	22.6
506	353½	Leeds	496	...	...	1.8	24.0
42	15	Lister	42	-3	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	98	...	4.9	7.0	10.0
180	89	Mogellan	176	...	3.4	1.6	...
166	69	Parkland 'A'	166	...	2.0	1.5	...
102½	82	Readicut	99	...	...	4.3	16.7
53	35	SEET	46	...	...	...	...
101	72	Sirdar	101	...	5.1	6.4	17.8
72	44	Stirling Gp	70 †	...	1.8	3.3	17.1
51	37	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	300	...	11.5	4.8	25.9
62½	32½	West Trust	36	...	...	8.7	...
209½	136	Yorklyde	184	+2	...	3.5	12.1

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	482	-8	...	4.8	14.4
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	690	+1	11.5	2.1	13.7

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
468	349	Assoc Br Ports	466	+1	...	2.3	...
813	707	BAA	780	-10	...	2.6	19.4
359½	249	Br Airways	348	-2	...	3.6	19.2
106	56	Clarkson (H)	93	...	1.5	2.0	...
23	25	Davies Newman	25 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	461	-1	...	...	...
67	44	Fisher (James)	67	+3	1.0	1.9	18.0
202	147	IoM Steam	202	+3	...	5.0	10.6
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	32	...	0.5	2.0	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	77	...	...	...	...
2825	1262½	Manchester Sh	2825	...	...	1.6	15.1
384	280	Mersey Docks	372	-4	4.5	0.2	15.4
258	181	Nall Express	257	...	7.5	2.5	24.8
284	230	NFC	271	-1	6.5	3.5	16.4
326	244	Ocean Group	324	-1	...	3.0	20.6
68	40	Ocean Wilson	68	+5	4.0	5.5	26.9
676	504	P & O Dfd	659	-6	...	7.4	12.3
155	127	P & O 5 1/2%	155	...	...	5.8	35.7
561	448	Powell Duffryn	560	...	...	4.4	...
156	117	Seacon	156	+3	...	5.0	21.7
141	112	Stagecoach	140	...	...	4.1	9.7
43	34	TIP Europe	42	...	1.4	3.4	∞
60	31½	TNT	52½	...	...	4.2	10.2
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	737	...	11.8	2.0	29.3
382	173	Tiphook	239	+7	19.3	10.1	...
298	227	TDG	267	...	...	4.5	8.7

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	530	...	...	5.0	10.4
652	547	Northumbrian	634	-1	...	4.4	6.6
537½	431½	North West	524	-3	...	5.1	9.3
543	439	Severn Trent	541	-1	...	4.9	8.7
577	454	Sthrn Water	558	-2	...	4.8	9.3
1525	1225	Sth Staffs	1525	...	47.0	3.9	10.9
569	465	South West	557	...	...	5.3	9.1
563	454	Thames Water	540	-1	...	4.9	10.6
639	506	Welsh Water	628	-3	...	4.7	8.3
649	536	Wessex Water	629	...	...	4.3	9.5
593	473½	Yorkshire W	556	-2	...	4.8	9.5

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100⅛	99⅞	Fund 6% 1993	100 †	...	6.00	...
106⅛	101½	Treas 13¼% 1993	102	...	13.48	5.54
102⅝	101⅛	Treas 8¼% 1994	101⅛	...	8.39	5.48
109⅝	104⅞	Treas 14½% 1994	104⅞	-⅛	13.85	5.44
109⅝	105⅛	Exch 13½% 1994	105⅛	-⅛	12.82	5.41
105⅞	103⅞	Treas 10% 1994	103⅞	-⅛	9.66	5.42
110⅛	106½	Exch 12¼% 1994	106½	-⅛	11.70	5.36
105⅞	103⅞	Treas 9% 1994	104⅛	...	8.64	5.41
111⅞	108⅞	Treas 12% 1995	109⅞	...	11.03	5.49
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96⅞	...	3.10	4.86
109⅛	107⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	108⅛	...	9.47	5.63
116¼	113⅛	Treas 12¾% 1995	114⅞	...	11.14	5.74
120½	117⅞	Treas 14% 1996	117⅞	-⅛	11.87	5.88
125½	121⅞	Treas 15¼% 1996	122⅞	...	12.44	6.03
120⅛	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	117⅞	-⅛	11.33	5.99
111½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	111⅛	-⅛	9.01	6.16
122⅞	118⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	120⅞	-⅛	10.96	6.32
113½	110⅛	Exch 10½% 1997	113 †	-⅛	9.29	6.29
109	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	108⅞ †	-⅛	8.07	6.31
132⅞	127⅞	Exch 15% 1997	130⅞	-⅛	11.52	6.59
112⅞	109⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	112⅛	-⅛	8.68	6.48
105½	99⅞	Treas 7¼% 1998	103⅞	-⅛	7.02	6.39
101½	97⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.68	6.08
129½	125⅞	Treas 14% 1996-01	128⅞	-⅛	10.90	6.86

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138⅞	133⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	137⅞	-⅛	11.28	6.70
123½	118½	Exch 12% 1998	122⅞	-⅛	9.79	6.79
113⅞	108⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	112⅞	-⅛	8.42	6.61
125⅞	120⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	124⅞ †	-⅛	9.83	6.86
118⅞	112⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	117⅞	-⅛	8.92	6.72
118⅞	112⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	117⅞	-⅛	8.71	6.74
112⅞	106	Conv 9% 2000	111⅞ †	-⅛	8.04	6.68
132⅞	125½	Treas 13% 2000	132⅞	-⅛	9.84	7.02
118½	109⅞	Treas 10% 2001	117⅞ †	-⅛	8.53	6.98
118½	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	117⅞ †	-⅛	8.31	7.07
108⅞	97⅞	Treas 8% 2003	107⅞	-⅛	7.46	6.95
121½	109½	Treas 10% 2003	120⅞ †	-⅛	8.30	7.10
125⅞	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	124⅞ †	-⅛	9.25	7.27
80⅞	67⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79⅞	-⅛	4.39	6.07
118⅞	105⅞	Conv 9½% 2004	117⅞	-⅛	8.11	7.21
118⅞	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	117⅞	-⅛	8.09	7.23
136⅞	124⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	135⅞	-⅛	9.24	7.48
106⅞	94⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	105½	-⅛	7.58	7.15
129⅞	118⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	128⅞	-⅛	9.13	7.43
111½	97⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	110⅞	-⅛	7.71	7.31
144⅞	131½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	143⅞ †	-⅛	9.42	7.48

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115⅞	101½	Treas 9% 2008	114⅞	-⅛	7.85	7.34
107	92⅞	Treas 8% 2009	105⅞ †	-⅛	7.56	7.36
117½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	115⅞	-⅛	7.76	7.37
117⅞	100⅞	Treas 9% 2012	116⅞	-⅛	7.73	7.37
85⅞	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	84½ †	-⅛	6.53	7.00
106	89⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	104½	-⅛	7.42	7.31
107½	93⅞	Treas 8% 2013	106⅞	-⅛	7.52	7.38
147½	125⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	145½	-⅛	8.23	7.54
116⅞	97⅞	Treas 8¾% 2017	115⅞ †	-⅛	7.59	7.37

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
47½	38½	War Ln 3½%	47½	-½	7.41	...
34½	27⅞	Treas 2½%	33⅞	-⅛	7.37	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134½	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	134⅞	+⅛	...	0.42
199⅞	194⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	198⅞ †	+⅛	1.58	2.47
109½	105⅞	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109⅞	-⅛	2.03	2.68
168½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167⅞ †	-⅛	2.71	3.09
164⅞	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164⅞	-⅛	2.85	3.16
112⅞	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	111½	-⅛	2.91	3.21
172⅞	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	172½	-⅛	2.93	3.17
157½	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	156½	-⅛	3.08	3.29
164⅞	148⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	163½	-⅛	3.12	3.31
135⅞	122½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	135⅞	-⅛	3.14	3.31
146½	130⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016	145½	-⅛	3.16	3.32
141⅞	124⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	140½	-⅛	3.19	3.34
118½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	117½	-⅛	3.20	3.33
118½	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117⅞	-⅛	3.21	3.35

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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	127.10	135.90	-0.40	1.26
International	97.11	103.30	-1.50	.30
Dividend Gth	61.55	65.47†	+1.26	4.29
Global Gth Sec	63.28	67.31	+0.06	2.45
Ethical Growth	68.40	72.76	+1.58	2.45
High Inc Equity	163.60	174.00†	+3.60	4.52
Worldwide Bond	269.60	286.00†	-6.70	3.67
Gilts Fixed Int	136.00	144.20	-0.40	5.55
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	44.64	47.11	-0.37	0.66
European	89.10	94.46	+0.69	...
European Inc	83.42	88.50†	-0.20	1.70
Exempt	952.00	983.60†	+33.50	3.88
Extra Inc	49.48	53.89	+1.77	4.85
F East Emerg Ec	91.12	98.39†	-1.11	0.66
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	419.50	444.10	+2.90	3.70
Equity Inc	230.00	245.80	+1.10	3.71
High Yield	256.90	274.60	+2.10	3.73
Balanced	684.10	731.30	-13.20	2.40
American Inc	49.17	52.56†	-1.43	3.03
Wld Asset Val	43.10	46.07†	-0.50	0.98
Japan	210.70	224.30	-14.00	0.01
Secs of Am	416.10	442.60	-14.80	0.57
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	338.80	360.50	+9.40	2.46
-do- Inc	240.00	255.40	+6.60	2.46
Higher Inc Acc	630.80	671.10	+12.10	3.48
-do- Inc	383.20	407.70	+7.40	3.48
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	185.30	195.70	-0.30	5.78
-do- Inc	97.12	102.50	+0.10	5.78
Nth America	249.30	265.30	-7.70	...
Far East	321.50	342.10	-10.40	0.16
Europe	246.80	262.60	+2.90	0.77
General Inc	459.40	488.80	+9.10	2.26
-do- Acc	504.00	536.20	+10.00	2.26
Brit Excell	68.85	73.25	+1.31	2.50
Brit Fndmtls Inc	74.94	79.73	+1.75	4.30
Brit Fndmtls Acc	96.53	102.70	+2.20	4.30
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	112.50	120.20	+2.60	2.70
Euro Gth Inc	124.50	132.10	+1.50	0.64
Extra Inc	116.70	124.90	+2.10	4.13
General	259.60	277.60	+4.80	2.59
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.99	63.05	-0.66	7.95
Income	526.60	563.20	+8.30	3.94
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	94.43	100.20	-2.30	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	126.40	135.40	-2.40	...
Convertibles	56.37	60.28	+0.70	7.00
Eastern	196.80	212.10	-1.50	1.60
Equity Income	88.64	94.29	+1.02	6.20
European Gth	251.20	267.00	+0.80	1.50
Europe	164.40	175.50	+3.70	1.50
Exempt	87.46	89.78†	+1.28	3.50
German Growth	68.12	72.56	+0.43	0.70
Global Growth	113.90	121.70	-1.30	...
Japan Growth	208.80	223.40	-11.40	...
Japan Sunrise	182.50	195.40	-10.30	...
Portfolio	126.80	135.50†	+0.80	3.20
-do- Acc	227.90	243.70	+3.60	3.20
UK Growth	87.03	92.58	+1.55	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	90.45	96.73	+3.86	1.90
Select Managers	68.43	73.19	+0.38	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	111.56	119.31	+2.02	1.87
-do- Inc	101.42	108.47	+1.84	1.87
Global Bond	30.62	32.48	-0.13	5.37
High Yield Acc	59.66	63.81	+1.15	3.50
-do- Inc	42.84	45.81†	+0.82	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	102.57	109.70	-3.27	1.35
-do- Inc	94.27	100.82	-3.00	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	60.81	65.04	-1.09	...
-do- Inc	59.68	63.83†	-1.07	...
Euro Gth Acc	115.26	123.27	+0.98	1.07
-do- Inc	113.68	121.58	+0.96	1.07
Mngd P folio	38.62	41.30	+0.28	1.29
Pacific Growth	109.95	117.60	-2.04	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	102.10	109.20	-0.93	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	142.10	151.40†	+1.40	2.77
Smaller Cos Acc	322.30	344.90	+8.60	...
Smaller Cos Inc	187.50	200.60	+5.00	1.08
High Inc	78.44	83.93	+1.37	6.24
Income	141.30	151.20	+3.20	3.64
Mngd F folio Inc	99.58	106.10†	+1.40	1.87
-do- Acc	190.20	202.60	-2.60	...
North American	107.70	114.70	-1.10	0.19
Orient	136.40	146.90	-8.20	...
Recovery	44.48	47.82	+0.84	2.34
German	45.16	48.42	-0.50	0.08
Intl Growth	36.29	38.65	-0.13	0.20
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	144.10	153.40	+3.50	1.56
UK Growth	156.70	166.80†	+3.20	2.03
UK Income	134.10	142.70	+1.60	3.92
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	94.15	100.70	+0.96	1.16
Growth	47.15	50.43†	+1.16	2.78
Income	58.00	62.03†	+1.02	3.98
Far East	52.10	55.72	-1.62	...
North American	93.28	100.30	-1.10	...
Global	91.73	98.11	-0.92	0.78
European	77.77	83.18	+0.52	0.62
Japan	121.20	129.60	-7.30	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	60.76	64.38	-1.45	5.91
UK Cap Gwth	87.55	93.63	+2.57	1.80
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	135.40	144.10	-0.30	0.22
-do- Acc	143.90	153.10	-0.50	0.22
European	71.13	75.41†	+0.67	0.77
-do- Acc	74.65	79.13	+0.70	0.77
Far East Gen	70.35	74.85	-3.71	...
-do- Acc	70.35	74.85	-3.71	...
Glenfriars	280.00	297.90	+2.50	0.64
-do- Acc	315.20	335.40	+2.90	0.64
Growth	403.20	431.30†	+0.80	2.16
-do- Acc	699.10	747.80	+10.90	2.16
Income Growth	404.20	430.00†	+7.70	3.59
-do- Acc	548.80	583.90	+10.20	3.60
Master Portfolio	10099.0	10468.0†	+16.00	2.02
-do- Acc	11764.0	12218.0	+19.00	2.02
Special Sits	92.76	98.69†	+0.48	2.11
-do- Acc	109.65	116.65	+0.56	2.11
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1311.0	1352.0	-23.00	4.04
-do- Acc	1547.0	1595.0	-27.00	4.04

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	195.30	208.10	-2.10	1.59
Capital	577.60	616.40	+15.00	2.20
Eurotrack 100	140.90	150.00	+1.40	1.38
Euro Gth	90.20	96.14	+0.69	0.88
Far East Growth	99.70	106.40	-4.00	0.07
Global Bond	23.93	25.22†	-0.41	5.92
Hong Kong	87.72	93.62	-0.39	0.73
Income	551.50	588.60	+8.20	3.63
Intl Growth	77.07	82.25	-1.02	0.17
Japan Growth	292.70	312.40	-22.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.35	39.86	-2.29	...
Japan Index	85.36	91.10	-6.13	0.23
Nth American	444.10	474.00	-4.10	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	61.03	65.13	+0.87	...
The Footsie Fd	114.40	120.80	+3.20	2.54
Tiger Index	154.20	164.60	+0.10	0.57
Trixie Index	112.70	120.30†	+0.60	2.09
UK Index	131.80	140.70†	+3.00	2.85
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	87.17	93.09	-0.67	1.05
European P folio	80.64	86.12	+1.73	0.98
Japanese P folio	72.99	77.65	-2.74	...
Pacific P folio	111.20	119.57	-1.09	1.10
Cazenove P folio	76.68	82.02†	-0.76	2.63
UK Income Gth	69.11	74.08	+1.27	4.58
Utility & Bond	54.97	55.72	+0.81	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	618.22	619.95	...	4.81
Fixed Int	159.75	160.00	...	9.06
Deposit	3.65	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	613.51	621.79	...	4.81
-do- Acc	2436.6	2464.9	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	129.80	130.06	...	8.92
-do- Acc	177.10	177.45	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	66.70	70.31	+0.44	2.15
Beckman Intl	88.03	92.90	-0.09	2.85
Friars Hse Inc	189.09	203.32	+2.89	5.75
Friars Hse Cap	262.27	282.01†	+3.72	2.58
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9888				
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.97	92.97	+0.07	5.13
Deposit Fund Acc	92.97	92.97	+0.07	5.13
Quilter Fund	130.74	139.08†	+3.38	2.37
Quilter Fund Acc	146.67	156.03	+3.78	2.37
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.59	68.71	+1.19	1.82
-do- Acc	72.80	77.45	+1.33	1.82
Income Fund S	228.60	243.20	+2.30	3.85
-do- Acc	531.90	565.90	+5.30	3.85
Inv Portfolio	71.61	74.21	+1.06	2.06
-do- Acc	81.61	84.57	+1.31	2.06
Smaller Cos	136.60	145.30	+3.50	1.15
-do- Acc	165.30	175.80	+4.20	1.15
High Inc P folio	65.00	67.36	+0.84	4.27
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	89.59	95.31	+0.12	0.83
Japanese Acc	67.32	71.62	-4.49	...
UK Balned Inc	136.10	144.80†	+3.10	2.38
-do- Acc	160.60	170.80†	+3.60	2.38
UK Growth Acc	220.10	234.20	+4.40	1.91
UK High Inc	145.00	154.30	+2.50	5.74
-do- Acc	175.60	186.80	+3.10	5.74
N America Acc	114.90	122.20†	-1.50	0.32
European Acc	171.30	182.20	+1.20	0.38
UK Pref F/I Inc	62.21	65.96†	+0.18	6.68
-do- Acc	102.40	108.60†	+0.30	6.68
Intl Sp Sits Acc	51.12	54.38	-1.24	0.21
Environmntl Opp	76.01	80.86	+1.65	1.52
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	114.20	121.30	-1.80	0.41
UK Smlr Cos	220.20	234.00	+10.10	1.07
Eurofund	40.52	42.88	-0.47	0.93
Mngd Exempt	175.80	183.20	-1.60	2.87
Growth Inc	229.30	243.60†	+5.10	3.08
High Dist	155.90	165.60	+2.70	4.53
International	342.90	364.30†	+0.40	0.89
Intl Income	85.75	91.54†	-0.07	2.84
Pacific	62.69	66.61	-0.19	0.45
Smllr Jap Cos	77.98	82.85	-5.57	...
Tokyo	222.10	233.90	-16.70	...
Japan Exempt	131.80	135.40	+0.70	0.37
Sm Jap Exempt	637.40	654.90	-14.90	0.08
Equity Income	131.40	139.60	-1.80	3.58
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	151.30	160.10	+2.50	0.49
Financial	46.17	49.06	+0.14	2.45
Global Opps Inc	94.14	99.77	-1.03	2.00
-do- Acc	97.57	103.70	-0.70	2.00
Gold Gen Inc	51.57	54.79	+0.17	0.76
-do- Acc	98.99	105.20	+0.40	0.76
Japan General	171.20	181.90	-12.90	...
Preference	23.77	25.26	+0.23	7.20
Worldwide Cap	210.20	223.30†	+1.80	2.87
World Income	89.38	94.97†	+0.42	3.13
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	188.30	200.30	+2.10	0.85
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	113.41	119.38	+2.51	3.15
High Income	131.74	138.67	+1.10	4.39
Tst of Inv Tsts	165.32	174.02†	+2.80	2.09
Special Sits	89.78	94.50	+1.93	1.99
North American	107.28	112.93	-1.18	0.97
Far Eastern	263.06	276.80†	-8.63	1.59
Intl Growth	103.42	108.86	-1.51	1.13
European	69.45	73.10	+0.06	1.85
Smaller Cos	71.07	74.81	+1.99	1.91
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	238.00	253.20	...	3.43
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414161				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	141.20	150.20	+3.60	...
High Income	27.59	29.03†	+0.09	5.75

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	100.60	106.30†	+1.10	1.56
Far Eastern	147.10	157.70	-3.80	...
High Income	24.04	25.60	+0.31	10.00
Ocean Income	91.63	98.09	-0.90	2.45
UK Growth	102.30	109.40†	-2.90	1.25
UK Income	109.80	117.40	+1.40	5.01
US Smaller Cos	270.00	288.80	-1.70	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	50.85	53.97	-0.06	...
-do- Acc	50.85	53.97	-0.06	...
Am Smllr Co	451.90	483.20	-1.70	...
-do- Acc	461.60	493.60	-1.80	...
Capital	302.70	321.90	+4.40	1.56
-do- Acc	421.50	448.30	+6.30	1.56
Contl Smllr Cos	49.85	53.58	+0.19	0.12
-do- Acc	52.11	56.01	+0.20	0.12
Convertible	120.80	128.40	+0.80	5.61
-do- Acc	229.30	243.90	+1.50	5.61
Emg Mark	58.95	62.98	+0.55	...
-do- Acc	58.95	62.98	+0.55	...
European	103.10	109.90	+0.70	0.87
-do- Acc	107.40	114.60	+0.80	0.87
Extra Income	315.70	335.80	+5.20	3.68
-do- Acc	452.00	480.70	+7.30	3.68
Financial	116.60	124.00	-0.10	0.19
-do- Acc	122.00	130.80	-0.10	0.19
Health Fund Inc	120.00	128.20	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	120.00	128.20	-0.90	...
Income Tst	194.90	207.30	+2.90	3.35
-do- Acc	276.20	293.70	+4.10	3.35
Intl Growth	338.60	361.40	-4.50	...
-do- Acc	376.00	401.30	-5.00	...
Japan Gen	193.20	206.50	-12.30	...
-do- Acc	195.10	208.50	-12.50	...
Mngd F folio Inc	97.29	102.40	+0.70	0.80
-do- Acc	102.40	107.70	+0.80	0.80
Monthly Income	163.70	174.10	+2.70	3.60
Qrtly Inc	53.15	56.53	+0.72	5.44
-do- Acc	53.91	57.34	+0.74	5.44
Recovery	311.10	332.60	-0.90	0.30
-do- Acc	365.50	390.80	-1.00	0.30
UK Growth	50.11	53.55	+1.59	2.34
-do- Acc	50.11	53.55	+1.59	2.34
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Admin: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	371.35	395.05	+7.41	2.58
-do- Acc	758.29	806.69	+15.12	2.58
Euro Gth Dist	116.89	124.35†	+0.91	0.67
-do- Acc	120.97	128.69†	+0.93	0.67
Fixed Int Dist	140.04	148.13	+0.57	5.89
-do- Acc	236.82	250.50	+0.96	5.89
Intl Gth Dist	82.49	87.76	-0.90	0.62
-do- Acc	85.64	91.11	-0.93	0.62
Nth Amer Dist	175.12	185.51†	-1.04	0.88
-do- Acc	190.86	202.18†	-1.14	0.88
Pac Basin Dist	265.50	282.45†	-7.09	0.02
-do- Acc	270.56	287.83†	-7.24	0.02
Stewardship Dist	317.96	338.26	+6.36	1.82
-do- Acc	379.14	403.34	+7.59	1.82
Stwd Inc Dist	67.40	71.70†	+1.33	3.20
-do- Acc	84.04	89.40†	+1.66	3.20
N Am Stwd Dist	101.90	108.40†	-2.01	...
-do- Acc	107.79	114.67†	-2.13	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	143.50	153.50	+0.50	...
European	460.30	489.50	+9.90	0.87
Far East General	244.90	262.00	-7.50	0.27
Germany	111.00	117.50	+1.90	0.39
Global Assets In	74.08	78.97	+1.25	2.05
Global Assets Ac	78.34	83.50	+1.32	2.00
Income Inc	137.60	147.20	+3.40	5.99
International	308.70	329.60	+2.00	0.85
Intl Income	81.72	86.82	-0.45	4.59
Japan General	398.50	424.10	-22.50	...
Smllr Cos Div	49.64	53.09†	+2.68	5.60
UK Capital Inc	175.10	187.30†	+2.00	3.82
-do- Acc	302.20	323.30	+3.70	3.47
UK Spec Sits	83.30	89.09	+1.47	1.42
US General	126.00	134.30	-1.20	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	136.30	145.60†	+2.20	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.32	50.61†	+0.48	1.28
Cash Trust*	129.93	129.93†	+0.10	5.43
Pract Inv Inc	113.27	120.38	+0.99	3.81
-do- Acc	241.02	258.44	+2.14	3.81
UK Smaller Cos	111.66	119.74	+2.03	0.77
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.29	29.19	+0.29	7.98
High Inc	34.18	36.56†	+0.42	4.49
UK Equity Inc	137.17	146.71†	+2.83	3.70
Global Bond	30.33	31.43	-0.35	5.70
International Funds				
Gold Intl	92.99	99.72	+2.42	0.42
Frontier Markets	46.28	49.63	+0.74	0.12
Global Inc Gth	125.39	133.64	-0.35	1.80
UK Intl	126.26	135.04	+2.17	0.33
Overseas Funds				
American	133.18	142.35	-1.11	0.44
European	88.71	94.07	+1.29	0.91
Euro Sel Opps	107.48	114.43†	+2.37	0.64
American Emerg	89.58	96.06	+0.59	...
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	134.71	144.07	+0.61	0.32
American Gth	134.39	143.73	-0.26	...
European Gth	72.80	77.39	+0.79	0.61
Japan Gth	85.48	91.42	-4.90	...
Greater China	149.62	160.02†	-3.09	2.85
Pacific Strategy	134.44	143.78	-1.28	0.30
UK Prog Inc	81.12	85.34	+2.29	4.69
British Growth	51.11	53.96	+0.57	2.47
UK Small Cos	46.75	50.00	+1.76	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9666				
Cash	132.20	132.20	+0.10	4.67
Gilt Fixed	131.50	139.60	+0.70	4.98
Growth Equity	316.40	338.00	+6.90	1.88
Guardhill	458.90	490.20†	+2.20	1.98
Income Trust	117.20	125.20	+1.20	3.27
International	169.40	180.90	-1.30	...
Japan Trust	133.90	143.00†	-8.70	...
Nth American	263.80	281.80	-4.60	0.36
Pacific	410.70	438.70	-0.80	...
European	385.50	411.80	+7.60	0.16
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	37.37	39.62†	+0.22	1.46
-do- Acc	39.38	41.75	+0.23	1.46
Inc Adv Inc	31.35	33.24	-0.45	3.69
-do- Acc	32.89	34.87	+0.47	3.69
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	81.48	87.28	-1.04	0.94
Equity Income	121.60	129.40†	+2.30	3.24
European	143.80	152.20	+2.60	0.89
Intl Situation	79.93	85.03	-0.58	...
Japanese	149.20	158.30	-8.80	...
North American	98.39	104.40	...	0.08
Scandinavian	132.90	140.50†	+4.20	...
Smaller Cos	32.64	34.72	+1.65	1.84

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HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 181-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ST Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	93.64	100.10	-0.85	...
Asian Enterprise	139.82	149.52	-1.26	0.96
European	409.12	433.01	-1.33	0.70
European Inc	74.91	79.26†	+0.52	2.47
Euro Smll Co	128.42	136.73	+0.65	0.66
Extra Income	281.97	300.18	+5.49	4.38
Family of Funds	75.00	80.01†	+0.48	1.00
Global Bond	58.29	62.34	+0.06	6.99
High Inc	316.11	337.92†	+8.45	3.67
Income Gth	257.16	273.87	+4.30	3.16
-do- Acc	665.20	708.43	+11.67	3.16
International	243.15	259.44	-1.36	0.70
Japan Spc Sit	256.41	273.45	-17.14	...
Japan	222.81	237.30†	-16.30	...
N Amer	234.03	238.46†	-6.50	0.07
Pacific Smllr Cos	208.81	223.20	-2.82	0.33
Pref Gilt	48.60	52.23†	+0.90	8.25
Smaller Cos Div	182.04	194.96†	+4.15	3.53
Special Sits	270.01	288.54	+5.30	1.85
-do- Acc	429.92	460.01	+8.15	1.85
Best of British	60.02	64.18	+1.55	2.14
Henderson TR				
American Gth	84.31	90.16	-1.16	...
Euro Spec Sits	51.29	54.74	+0.60	0.87
-do- Acc	54.31	57.96	+0.64	0.87
Far East Opps	35.12	37.57	-0.06	0.57
-do- Acc	36.16	38.69	-0.05	0.57
General Growth	105.58	112.91†	+3.25	2.30
Global Tech	136.30	145.84	+0.86	...
Income Growth	109.72	117.34†	+1.17	3.45
Income Monthly	...	...	...	...
Japan Growth	87.40	93.26	-6.47	...
Overseas Gth	...	...	...	...
Smaller Cos	77.08	82.47	+1.71	1.68
Special Opps	113.08	121.55†	+3.48	1.05
Wld Spec Sits	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	92.44	98.86	+1.60	2.11
Capital	162.60	173.00†	+2.00	1.80
Dollar	320.80	343.10	-2.90	0.01
European	211.20	225.80	+1.60	0.56
Far East	256.30	274.10	-0.90	0.23
Financial	779.10	833.20	+6.30	1.80
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.44	28.50	+0.11	7.26
High Yield	110.80	118.50	+1.90	4.14
Income	145.30	155.40	+2.40	3.07
Intl	226.70	242.40†	-0.90	0.18
Japan Tech	76.76	82.09	-4.13	...

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Nat Resources	63.96	66.40	-0.98	0.44
Security	316.10	338.00	+6.60	1.81
Smaller Cos	118.20	126.40	+2.90	1.13
Special Sits	147.30	157.90	+2.90	1.50
US Smaller Cos	72.88	77.94	-1.51	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	26.81	28.66†	+0.72	1.23
Special Features	30.04	31.91	+0.66	1.84
-do- Acc	35.46	37.67	+0.76	1.84
General Funds				
UK Growth	57.10	61.01	+1.37	1.99
Assets Earnings	75.35	80.05†	+2.07	2.19
do Acc	89.69	95.29†	+2.46	2.19
Managed Invest	93.96	100.20	-0.80	1.10
Expert Children	80.37	85.68	+2.26	2.04
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.09	50.09†	+0.04	4.43
Extra Inc	86.32	92.28†	+0.75	4.56
Gilt	29.08	30.60	+0.07	6.33
Income Gth	41.87	44.66	+0.50	3.39
MIMstar	80.28	85.03	+0.25	7.67
Preference	18.56	19.72†	-0.03	6.42
UK Income	332.90	355.80	+4.20	2.89
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	63.71	67.69	+0.47	1.18
Property Shares	70.86	76.34	+0.68	1.51
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	156.30	164.00	+0.90	3.94
European Acc	124.60	131.80	+1.40	1.48
European Dist	118.40	125.40	+1.20	1.48
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.88	53.05	-0.12	0.95
European Perf	127.30	134.90†	+1.70	0.66
-do- Acc	131.20	139.20†	+1.80	0.66
Euro Small Cos	23.41	24.91	+0.29	0.62
French Growth	71.46	76.13	+0.11	0.48
-do- Acc	76.35	81.33	+0.12	0.48
Hong K/China	74.13	78.76	-0.37	1.57
Intl Growth	55.25	58.70	-0.68	0.68
-do- Acc	55.25	58.70	-0.68	0.68
Japan Perf	36.37	38.63	-2.48	...
Accum Units	36.37	38.63	-2.48	...
Japan Smllr Cos	40.28	42.83	-3.59	...
Singapore Asean	90.55	96.20†	-0.49	0.32
-do- Acc	91.20	96.89†	-0.48	0.32
South East Asia	252.90	268.70	+0.80	0.64
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	70.06	70.41†	+0.06	5.04
Extra Income	56.06	59.64	-0.19	6.48
Gilt Yield	134.20	131.10	+0.20	6.89
Global Income	209.00	222.30†	+1.60	3.94
High Yield	145.00	154.30†	+0.30	5.40
Smllr Cos Div	53.14	56.53†	+1.66	3.47
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	94.09	100.10	-1.40	...
North American	77.97	82.95	-0.49	0.41
European	140.20	149.10	-0.80	1.50
Euro Special	82.20	87.45†	+0.44	1.63
General	278.40	296.20†	+4.80	3.01
Japan	451.40	480.20	-29.50	...
Japanese Special	251.00	267.00	-19.10	...
Master Acc	234.50	249.50	+3.90	1.24
Pacific	290.50	309.00	-9.80	0.52
Smaller Cos	104.10	110.70	-0.80	1.51
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	80.16	85.28	+0.46	0.93
Extra Income	25.72	27.36	+0.67	3.31
Far East	29.33	31.20	-1.41	0.75
Income Gwth	76.39	81.27†	-0.38	2.58
Intl Growth	54.94	58.45	-0.92	0.63
Japan	69.65	74.10†	-4.98	...
Maximum Dist*	100.00	102.00†	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	39.37	41.88	-0.16	0.27
UK Equity	92.59	98.50	+1.63	2.78
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	55.19	58.71†	+1.01	4.26
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	457.40	486.60	+11.80	2.54
Equity Acc	868.20	923.60	+22.30	2.54
Equity Income	99.36	105.70†	+1.80	4.40
European	101.80	108.30†	+1.30	1.20
Far Eastern	200.10	212.90	-4.00	...
Fixed Interest	55.94	59.51	+0.28	5.86
Gilt	96.13	101.90	+0.30	6.04
Global Growth	72.18	76.79	-0.56	0.42
Intl Bond	56.79	60.41†	-1.33	4.70
Japanese	76.90	81.81	-5.30	...
Overseas Equity	103.70	110.30	-1.20	0.05
Pacific Gth	94.66	100.70	+1.40	0.42
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	335.80	357.30	+9.10	2.69
-do- Acc	737.60	784.70	+20.00	2.69
Contl Euro Gth	55.47	58.39	+0.65	1.03
-do- Acc	58.66	61.75	+0.69	1.03
Extra Inc	258.70	275.30	+8.80	3.55
-do- Acc	639.70	680.60	+21.70	3.55
German Gth	112.70	118.70	-0.30	0.01
-do- Acc	118.20	124.50	-0.30	0.01
Growth Port	517.20	550.30	+7.70	0.64
-do- Acc	517.20	550.30	+25.70	0.64
Income	486.30	517.40	+18.50	3.24
-do- Acc	1248.0	1328.0	+47.00	3.24
Income Port	514.80	547.70	+7.30	3.91
-do- Acc	522.40	555.80	+7.40	3.91
Japan Growth	108.80	115.80	-5.10	0.01
-do- Acc	109.20	116.20	-5.10	0.01
Master Trust	55.03	58.55	+0.68	1.22
-do- Acc	60.59	64.46	+0.75	1.22
N American Gen	188.90	201.00	-3.10	0.01
-do- Acc	218.20	232.20	-3.60	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	142.90	152.10	-1.70	0.01
-do- Acc	145.90	155.30	-1.70	0.01
Pacific Basin	216.70	230.60	-3.40	0.67
-do- Acc	229.10	243.80	-3.50	0.67
Small Cos Rec	320.90	337.80	+5.90	2.57
-do- Acc	417.90	439.60	+7.60	2.57
UK Growth	83.24	88.56	+3.31	2.36
-do- Acc	98.04	104.30	+3.80	2.36
Worldwide Gth	297.40	316.40	-2.20	0.13
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	82.64	88.67	+1.75	2.60
Income	66.61	71.47	+1.23	4.80
International	60.26	64.66	-0.55	0.70
American	60.65	65.07	-0.40	0.30
Japan	58.58	62.85†	-3.60	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.50	68.13	+0.99	1.60
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	392.90	415.50†	-3.50	0.87
-do- Acc	485.40	513.40	-4.30	0.87
American Rec	427.70	452.30	-8.10	0.18
-do- Acc	490.00	518.30	-9.20	0.18
Am Sm Co Acc	125.30	132.60	-1.90	...
Australia Acc	177.50	187.70	+2.60	0.96
Capital	711.40	752.30†	+9.40	2.24
-do- Acc	794.60	840.20	+10.40	2.24
Commodity Acc	458.40	484.80	-3.60	1.00
Compnd Gth	888.90	940.00	+10.90	2.48
Dividend	39.00	41.20	+0.40	3.82
-do- Acc	154.40	163.30	+1.70	3.82
Equity Inc	325.30	344.00†	+6.60	4.35
European Div	63.50	67.10†	-1.00	3.78
-do- Acc	73.50	77.60	-1.10	3.78
European Gen	417.30	441.30	+4.80	0.87
-do- Acc	524.20	554.40	+6.10	0.87
Extra Yield	414.40	438.20	+2.30	4.03
-do- Acc	1211.6	1281.3	+6.60	4.03
Far Eastern	321.50	340.00†	-7.50	0.56
-do- Acc	424.10	448.50	-8.60	0.56
Fund of Inv	566.30	597.80	+7.80	1.93
-do- Acc	1031.1	1090.4	+14.20	1.93
General	58.20	61.50	+0.50	3.33
-do- Acc	155.70	164.60	+1.40	3.33
Gilt Fxd Int	63.60	65.69†	+0.28	7.08
do Acc	167.25	167.46	+0.71	7.08
Gold	58.40	61.80†	+1.10	0.71
-do- Acc	68.70	72.60	+1.30	0.71
High Inc	27.60	29.20	+0.40	4.03
-do- Acc	104.50	110.60	+1.60	4.03
Intl Growth	72.50	76.70†	-0.40	0.68
-do- Acc	125.50	132.90	-0.60	0.68
Intl Inc	98.70	104.40	-0.50	4.33
Japan Gen Acc	54.60	57.70	-3.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	159.70	168.80	-9.70	...
Midland	80.60	84.10	+1.40	2.91
-do- Acc	194.00	205.20	+4.50	2.91
Recovery	39.70	42.00	+0.40	2.37
-do- Acc	63.20	66.80	+0.50	2.37
Second Gen	68.20	72.10	+1.60	3.10
-do- Acc	168.90	178.70	+3.90	3.10
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 418, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	145.10	155.20†	+1.00	1.89
-do- Acc	162.60	173.90†	+1.10	1.89
UK Income	122.10	130.50	+1.80	2.41
-do- Acc	137.90	147.50	+2.00	2.41
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 228 5252				
Emerg Mkts	88.76	94.93	-0.82	0.42
Far East	143.80	152.70	-6.30	0.16
Income Growth	76.98	81.72†	+2.92	3.17
European	75.33	79.97	+1.36	1.08
Nth American	58.11	61.69	-0.10	0.43
UK Growth	82.50	87.58	+3.08	1.96
Intl Growth	101.40	107.60	-1.30	0.67
Charities	115.50	122.60†	+2.30	3.88
Intl Income	72.09	76.53	+0.77	4.90
Japan	57.72	61.27	-3.08	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	193.00	205.10	-2.30	...
-do- Acc	206.30	219.30	-2.40	...
Cash	100.50	100.50†	+0.10	5.53
-do- Acc	130.50	130.50†	+0.10	5.53
Emg Mkts Acc	96.16	103.40	-1.90	...
European Gth	209.00	221.70	+2.50	0.72
-do- Acc	224.70	238.30	+2.60	0.72
General	493.10	525.80	+9.50	2.30
-do- Acc	937.80	1000	+17.90	2.30
Global Dist	133.50	140.30	-3.30	5.20
-do- Acc	149.40	157.00	-3.70	5.20
Income	148.70	158.50	+1.80	4.30
-do- Acc	220.90	235.50	+4.30	4.30
International	412.80	439.80	-3.30	0.64
-do- Acc	549.00	584.90	-4.30	0.64
Japan Acc	202.80	215.20	-13.00	...
New Europe	151.90	162.00	+2.30	1.60
-do- Acc	154.40	164.70	+2.30	1.60
Recovery	310.90	331.60	+7.90	2.71
-do- Acc	392.80	419.00	+10.10	2.71
European Inc	78.12	80.72†	+0.31	3.02
-do- Acc	98.62	104.50†	+0.40	3.02
Brit Blue Chip	76.55	81.43	+1.57	3.09
-do- Acc	90.29	96.04	+1.86	3.09
Portfolio	78.24	83.18	+0.94	2.72
-do- Acc	88.96	94.58	+1.07	2.72
Gold General	144.60	155.50†	+7.10	0.60
-do- Acc	148.00	159.10†	+7.50	0.60
Pacific	99.28	105.90†	...	0.79
-do- Acc	105.60	112.60†	...	0.79
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	59.71	63.86	+0.45	2.55
-do- Acc	60.63	64.85	+0.47	2.55
British Dist	81.10	86.74	+1.69	1.99
-do- Acc	91.81	98.19	+1.92	1.99
European Gth	185.00	197.90	+1.30	0.02
-do- Acc	232.30	248.40	+1.50	0.02
Extra High Inc	73.55	78.66	+0.78	5.42
-do- Acc	131.60	140.70	+1.40	5.42
FT-SE 100 Index	51.05	54.60	+1.44	2.55
-do- Acc	51.82	55.42	+1.46	2.55
Gilt Fixed Int	58.50	60.90	+0.05	6.51
-do- Acc	156.20	162.60	+0.20	6.51
High Yield	234.60	250.90	+3.10	4.39
-do- Acc	550.80	589.10	+7.20	4.39
Income	294.90	315.40†	+4.70	3.08
-do- Acc	623.50	666.80	+9.90	3.08
Japan Gth	369.30	395.00	-26.70	...
-do- Acc	389.80	416.90	-28.20	...
Mandarin Acc	107.40	114.90	+0.70	0.78
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	271.60	288.90†	-9.00	...
Deposit Inc	100.00	100.00†	+0.07	5.01
Deposit Acc	123.46	123.46†	+0.09	5.01
Euro Gth Acc	316.10	338.20	+5.70	...
Europa	135.70	145.80†	+1.40	...
Intl Gth	180.20	192.60	-2.80	...
Japan Tracker	82.94	87.81	-5.61	...
UK Equity Inc	162.90	175.30	+3.60	3.78
-do- Acc	199.80	215.00	+4.40	3.78
UK Ind Tracker	151.30	161.80†	+3.50	2.98
US Eq Ind Trkr	193.70	205.50	-2.50	1.44
-do- Acc	204.90	217.40	-2.70	1.44
Asian Trader	172.00	186.30	-1.60	0.44
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	169.70	173.80†	-2.30	1.93
European	65.18	66.57	+0.48	1.49
Olympiad	59.70	61.29†	-0.65	0.23
Global Bond	48.43	48.99†	+0.13	6.23
Smaller Cos	70.52	73.76	+1.48	1.23
Equity Income	97.96	100.60	+1.57	4.89
UK Growth	88.01	90.71	+1.43	1.69
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Billow Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.99	51.18	-0.39	1.13
Australian Acc	326	349.70	+1.80	...
Conscience	66.26	70.71	+2.75	1.15
-do- Acc	71.52	76.32	+2.97	1.15
European	179.10	190.50	+1.70	1.09
-do- Acc	192.60	204.80	+1.80	1.09
Extra Income	76.47	81.61	+0.98	5.44
-do- Acc	117.40	125.20	+1.50	5.44
Far East Gth	176.70	188.80	-5.80	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	59.99	63.31†	+0.08	6.25
Gold	52.73	56.69	+2.35	...
-do- Acc	56.78	61.05	+2.54	...
Income	55.80	59.52	+0.51	4.72
-do- Acc	170.80	182.10	+1.50	4.72
International	31.15	33.42	-0.27	0.66
-do- Acc	44.75	48.01	-0.40	0.66
Jap Sm Cos Acc	367	391.40	-24.60	...
S pore Mly Acc	212.80	228.20	+6.50	...
Smllr Cos Acc	26.31	28.29	+0.63	0.74
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	70.59	75.10†	+1.34	2.60
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	78.00	82.55†	+0.75	5.70
N&P Higher Inc	213.50	227.20	+4.90	4.27
N&P UK Income	108.50	115.50	+2.00	3.55
N&P Intl	92.02	97.90	-1.28	1.66
N&P Smaller Cos	77.21	82.14	-2.19	1.64
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 407 4404				
General	174.84	186.00†	+3.51	2.02
Global	311.90	331.81	+0.74	3.06
Growth	114.97	122.31	+3.30	1.93
Income	215.24	228.98†	+4.15	3.70
Intl Bond	136.43	144.81	-1.03	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	145.60	153.20	+3.70	2.45
-do- Acc	257.90	271.40	+6.50	2.45
Income	238.00	250.00	+3.30	3.29
Intl Equity	235.80	250.90	-3.00	0.77
-do- Acc	258.20	274.60	-3.30	0.77
Equity	229.20	243.80	+5.20	2.33
-do- Acc	470.00	499.90	+10.70	2.33
UK Intl 25 Acc	74.04	78.76	+1.09	1.86
UK Income	64.31	68.41†	+0.98	2.89
UK Smllr Co Acc	80.74	85.89	+2.12	1.38
New Europe Acc	65.41	69.58	+0.49	1.02
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	101.12	108.15	-1.89	0.01
PEP Growth	107.59	115.07	-0.94	1.31
Intl Gth	522.36	558.57	-13.98	0.49
Income	334.51	357.77	+5.25	3.18
W wide Recov	331.78	354.85	-6.87	0.32
American Gth	213.42	228.26	-6.78	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	198.41	212.21	-3.68	0.02
Far East Gth	238.84	255.45	-7.97	0.01
European Gth	125.65	134.39	+0.03	1.16
UK Growth	84.13	89.98	+1.68	2.74
High Income	90.64	96.95†	+0.94	4.09
Japanese Gth	228.28	243.81	-15.56	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	185.80	197.60	-0.70	0.65
High Income	118.70	126.30	+2.30	3.38
Conv Gilt	116.00	123.40†	+0.10	5.55
Far East	338.40	360.00	+2.60	0.06
Global Inc Acc	33.69	35.84	+0.40	4.77
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	51.61	54.90†	-1.13	0.20
Emerging Mkts	71.58	76.13†	+2.04	0.51
General	51.21	54.48	+1.32	2.99
International	88.89	94.56	-1.32	1.27
Gilt Units	27.25	28.09†	+0.94	7.08
Global PEP	37.36	39.74	...	1.93
Income Gth	70.11	74.59†	+0.92	4.39
European	46.88	49.87	+0.54	0.61
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.25	28.99	+0.11	5.39
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Priceline: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	33.10	35.40	+0.15	1.59
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.92	101.42†	+0.07	4.80
-do- Acc	106.09	106.61†	+0.08	4.80
Pru Equity	697.05	745.90	+19.61	2.51
Pru Equity Inc	85.57	91.51†	+2.42	4.18
Pru European	186.96	199.95	+1.83	0.96
Pru Global Gth	83.49	89.29†	+0.49	1.21
Pru High Inc	91.29	97.63†	+1.44	4.62
Pru Intl	170.35	182.19†	-0.59	1.02
Pru Intl Sm Co	72.96	78.03	-1.03	0.60
Pru Japanese	212.75	227.54	-14.42	...
Pru Nth Amer	148.36	158.67	-1.11	0.77
Pru Pacific Mkt	83.89	89.72†	+0.72	1.09
Pru Premr Inc	51.88	54.01†	+0.03	5.01
Pru Smllr Cos	85.23	91.15	+1.28	2.06
Pru Spec Sits	103.33	110.51†	+3.04	2.42
Pru UK Grwth	115.10	123.10†	+3.16	2.34
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	166.55	177.82	+4.79	3.38
FA Japan	290.91	309.44	-19.50	...
FA Maj UK Cos	97.44	103.98	+3.06	2.41
FA America Inc	512.33	545.87†	-4.41	0.87
-do- Acc	597.02	636.11	-6.40	0.87
FA Smlr UK Cos	282.13	305.03	+5.74	1.52
FA European	271.59	288.01	+3.07	1.22
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 829829 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	73.83	78.54	-1.18	3.60
Capital Units	152.50	162.20	+1.20	1.06
Commodity	112.70	119.90†	+1.40	1.02
European Gth	171.20	182.10	+2.30	1.07
Financial Sec	185.70	197.60	-2.20	1.29
High Return	224.40	238.70†	+4.60	3.57
High Yield	219.10	233.10	+4.00	3.84
Income Units	115.40	122.80†	+1.40	4.39
Investment	195.00	207.40	+2.40	1.20
Japan Gth	165.40	176.00	-10.20	...
Japan Smaller	191.70	203.90	-13.50	...
Masterfund	49.98	53.17	+0.49	1.20
Scotbits	270.20	287.40†	-5.80	1.43
Scotshares	266.50	283.50	+5.50	2.59
Scotyields	233.90	248.80†	-0.40	3.34
Select Intl	136.10	144.80	-0.40	0.39
Smaller Cos	241.20	256.60	+5.60	3.67
Special Situation	113.50	120.70	+1.80	0.80
UK Equity	234.40	249.40†	+4.50	2.77
US Growth	141.40	150.40	-2.30	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	238.14	253.28	-7.38	0.64
-do- Acc	258.01	274.42	-7.99	0.64
Australian	139.06	148.33†	+1.62	0.72
-do- Acc	164.47	175.43	+1.92	0.72
UK Enterprise	230.72	246.10†	+3.62	2.19
-do- Acc	269.62	287.59	+4.23	2.19
European Gth	66.03	70.22	+0.69	1.29
-do- Acc	68.59	72.93	+0.72	1.29
Euro Smllr Cos	60.57	64.49	+0.48	0.42
-do- Acc	60.96	64.93	+0.48	0.42
Far Eastern Gth	77.37	82.52†	-0.12	...
-do- Acc	78.62	83.85	-0.12	...
Fixed Interest	56.67	59.72	+0.15	6.42
-do- Acc	68.81	72.52	+0.18	6.42
Gilt Income	109.54	115.45	+0.26	7.23
-do- Acc	152.99	161.25	+0.38	7.23
Income	345.61	368.65	+3.30	3.66
-do- Acc	1019.4	1087.4	+9.73	3.66
Japan Enterprise	71.57	76.34	-4.84	...
-do- Acc	71.57	76.34	-4.84	...
Japan Smllr Cos	499.45	532.74†	-30.46	...
-do- Acc	500.45	533.80	-30.52	...
Pacific Gth	102.28	109.09†	+0.42	0.24
-do- Acc	105.31	112.33	+0.44	0.24
Smaller Cos	200.74	214.12	+6.58	0.98
-do- Acc	232.18	247.64	+7.60	0.98
Tokyo	116.15	123.89	-7.50	...
-do- Acc	117.32	125.14	-7.58	...
UK Equity	224.73	239.71†	+3.75	2.56
-do- Acc	421.91	450.04	+7.04	2.56
US Smllr Cos	140.10	149.43	-3.51	...
-do- Acc	140.10	149.43	-3.51	...
World Fd	74.66	79.62†	+0.36	1.37
-do- Acc	79.35	84.63	+0.37	1.37
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	49.37	52.58	+0.88	3.72
Equity Strategy	66.84	71.18	+0.91	0.84
European Opps	77.79	82.85	+0.39	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.98	100.43	+0.11	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	57.22	60.94	+1.62	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	365.00	389.60	+9.80	2.62
American	253.60	269.30	-2.40	0.75
Pacific	360.00	385.00	-12.10	0.49
European	478.10	511.30	+4.90	1.06
Worldwide	86.10	92.09	+1.00	0.92
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	319.80	340.30	+6.80	2.67
UK Sm Cos Eqty	218.30	232.30	+6.20	1.55
European	354.60	377.30	+1.20	1.56
North American	262.50	279.30	-2.60	0.58
Income Plus Inc	73.06	77.73	+0.87	3.49
UK Spec Sits	71.60	76.18	+0.91	2.49
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	27.27	29.19	+0.62	2.62
Intl Growth Acc	31.21	33.40	-0.27	0.95
Market Ldrs Acc	27.53	29.47	+0.55	2.72
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	107.30	...	+0.50	...
Global Bond	105.40	...	+0.60	7.12
Japan Samurai	100.80	...	-7.90	...
UK Growth	103.20	...	+1.40	3.83
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	47.18	50.13	+0.30	1.44
Equity Gth Acc	65.24	69.32	+0.40	1.01
UK Eq General	44.57	47.36	+0.74	1.98
-do- Acc	58.86	62.54	+0.98	1.98
European Acc	44.86	47.67	+0.41	0.89
Far East Acc	60.35	64.13	-1.87	0.09
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.06	34.97	+0.21	5.83
N American Acc	43.63	46.36	-0.58	0.79
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	297.00	322.30	-6.80	1.31
UK Eq High Inc	39.02	41.46	+0.60	3.45
-do- Acc	46.33	49.23	+0.71	3.45
UK Lgr Cos Inc	309.50	335.90	+5.70	3.53
UK Lgr Cos Acc	403.00	437.30	+7.40	3.53
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$23.76	NZ$23.99	+0.05	1.27
US Eq	$2.178	$2.313	+0.00	1.15
Far East Eq	Y246.3	Y261.6	-0.60	...
Japan Eq	Y250.3	Y265.9	-1.30	...
FT Europe	120.30	127.80	+3.20	2.04
FT North Am	$1.732	$1.836	+0.01	1.30
FT Japan	Y249.8	Y265.3	-1.00	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.018	$2.144	+0.04	1.42
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	347.60	370.70	-6.30	0.32
British	1009.7	1068.3	+23.80	3.80
European	412.80	439.60	+6.60	1.31
Japan	155.50	165.10	-9.40	...
New Pacific	320.70	341.50	-1.10	0.96
Mngd Cash	95.87	95.87†	+0.10	5.17
Majority Stg	100.05	101.05†	+0.08	4.84
Inv Tst	207.70	220.20	+1.80	1.61
Saints PPP	403.80	425.00	+23.30	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	774.10	827.90	+15.10	2.76
N America Acc	119.80	128.10	-2.00	0.17
Far East Acc	134.00	143.30	-2.50	0.42
W wide Bond	62.52	66.37	-1.13	5.08
European	89.65	95.88	+0.67	0.53
Equity Income	89.84	96.09	+1.68	3.69
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.41	36.81	-0.20	0.52
Managed Assets	125.96	134.72	+2.28	2.88
UK Income	39.64	42.40	+1.09	2.84
UK Growth	38.97	41.68	+1.22	2.10
Worldwide Gth	33.01	35.31†	-0.29	0.40
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	216.78	230.62†	+0.23	0.05
-do- Acc	238.76	254.00†	+0.25	0.05
British Gth	92.16	98.04	+2.19	1.81
-do- Acc	108.43	115.35	+2.57	1.81
European	104.05	110.69†	+2.63	0.88
-do- Acc	110.58	117.64†	+2.79	0.88
Extra Inc	199.33	212.05†	-0.34	3.91
-do- Acc	325.47	346.24†	+7.42	3.91
General Unit	279.26	297.09†	+1.91	2.32
-do- Acc	557.84	593.44†	+3.93	2.32
Income	346.63	368.76	+5.07	3.41
-do- Acc	720.34	766.32	+10.54	3.41
International	511.08	543.70	-2.55	0.29
-do- Acc	669.05	711.76	-3.34	0.29
Pacific	362.39	385.52	-14.48	...
-do- Acc	380.67	404.97	-15.21	...
Premier Income	54.02	56.27†	+0.47	6.68
-do- Acc	114.23	118.99†	+1.02	6.68
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	76.50	81.60	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	78.91	84.17	+1.04	...
European Opps	65.07	69.01	+0.31	0.43
-do- Acc	65.75	69.73	+0.31	0.43
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	19.90	21.17	+0.47	0.50
Pacific Basin	34.41	36.60	-0.47	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.25	37.50	-0.70	...
Global Bond	$0.982	$1.023	+0.01	7.04
Penny Share	26.08	27.74	+0.70	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.18	53.19	+0.04	4.81
Gilt Growth	71.99	74.93	+0.36	...
Gilt Income	54.32	56.52	+0.10	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	110.90	112.30	...	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.719	$0.728	+0.00	...
Challenger	98.38	100.70	-1.10	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	72.43	77.05	+1.06	1.83

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	10,000	Cadbury	4,200	MB Cardn	2,000	Scot Power	1,400
Abbey Natl	1,600	Carlton C	1,000	Marks Spr	2,800	Sears	5,100
Alld-Lyons	2,100	Coats Vyla	1,600	NFC	984	Svrn Trent	1,100
Anglian W	622	Cm Union	320	NatWst Bk	4,500	Shell Trans	2,100
Argyll Gp	8,000	Courtaulds	841	Nat Power	3,300	Siebe	2,600
Arjo Wiggn	3,100	De La Rue	761	Nth Wst W	832	SmKl Bch	4,100
AB Foods	177	Enterpr Oil	422	Nthn Fds	1,600	Smith Nph	2,000
BAA	829	Forte	807	P & O	1,100	Std Chartd	1,000
BAT Inds	2,800	GRE	222	Pearson	666	Sun Allnce	569
BOC	847	GUS A	603	PowerGen	4,200	TI Gp	785
BP	2,800	Gen Acc	355	Prudential	1,300	TSB	2,100
BT	6,200	Gen Elec	5,800	RMC	263	Tate & Lyle	2,700
BTR	4,400	Glaxo	2,900	RTZ	1,700	Tesco	8,500
Bk of Scot	2,500	Granada	602	Rank Org	972	Thames W	922
Barclays	5,400	Grand Met	3,000	Reckitt Col	332	Thrn EMI	1,100
Bass	3,700	Guinness	3,600	Redland	1,000	Tomkins	2,800
Blue Circle	3,600	HSBC	5,200	Reed Intl	998	Unilever	1,100
Boots	1,500	Hanson	10,000	Rentokil	1,200	Utd Bisc	3,400
Bowater	371	ICI	1,400	Reuters	1,000	Vodafone	7,200
Brit Aero	1,600	Inchcape	723	Rothmans	516	Warburg (SG)	649
Brit Airwys	3,900	Kingfisher	2,100	Ryl Ins	2,700	Wellcome	950
Brit Gas	16,000	Ladbroke	1,200	Ryl Bk Scot	41,000	Whitbd 'A'	727
Brit Steel	6,600	Land Secs	1,100	Sainsbury	2,600	Wlms Hld	1,200
Burmah C	138	Legal & Gn	1,000	Scot Hydro	1,100	Wolseley	1,500
Cable Wire	1,200	Lloyds Bk	3,900	Scot & New	1,200	Zeneca	3,700

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3600.39 (-11.74)
S&P Composite 455.31 (-1.12)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20607.26 (-80.21)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7545.36 (-59.90)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 127.9 (-0.6)

Sydney: AO 1927.1 (+0.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1922.68 (-16.30)

FT 30 share: 2384.1 (-10.4)

Brussels:
General 6892.36 (-56.98)

Paris: CAC 583.24 (-7.05)

Zurich: SKA Gen 576.60 (+2.90)

London:
FT A All-Share 1518.01 (-3.00)
FT 500 1638.84 (-4.08)
FT Gold Mines 197.7 (-3.8)
FT Fixed Interest 124.27 (-0.24)
FT Govt Secs 101.77 (-0.30)
Bargains 33642
SEAQ Volume 633.4m
USM (Datastrm) 142.28 (+0.59)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 9	August 20	November 11	November 22

Call options were taken out on 20/8/93: Aminex, Development Secs, Micro Focus, Pentos, Smith New Court, Tadpole Tech, Vistec, Vodafone.
Put: Smith New Court.
Put & Call: Shandwick.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 56929)	Sep 93	3069.0	3090.0	3062.0	3070.0	8617
	Dec 93	3086.0	3103.0	3086.0	3092.0	234
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 367249)	Sep 93	94.17	94.19	94.13	94.17	8941
	Dec 93	94.54	94.59	94.50	94.57	15631
	Mar 94	94.64	94.72	94.60	94.70	8444
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 13534)	Sep 93	96.73	96.74	96.72	96.74	102
	Dec 93	96.43	96.43	96.43	96.41	35
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 671660)	Sep 93	93.51	93.53	93.50	93.51	11592
	Dec 93	93.97	94.02	93.96	93.99	23086
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 101567)	Sep 93	112-08	112-29	112-07	112-27	46444
	Dec 93	111-29	112-07	111-26	112-10	3612
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	110.20	110.34	110.11	110.30	257
	Dec 93	109.50	109.61	109.36	109.54	2694
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 192648)	Sep 93	97.19	97.19	96.98	97.08	65356
	Dec 93	97.30	97.31	97.15	97.22	5144
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 17016)	Sep 93	100.37	100.40	100.28	100.36	1187
	Dec 93				100.50	0
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 32947)	Sep 93	92.91	92.99	92.90	92.95	612
	Dec 93	93.92	93.92	93.89	93.91	704
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 51766)	Sep 93	95.39	95.44	95.36	95.38	2698
	Dec 93	95.74	95.77	95.72	95.73	674
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 66139)	Sep 93	110.50	111.14	110.05	110.85	42377
	Dec 93	110.25	110.80	109.80	110.51	3030

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 81.5 (day's range 81.4-81.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 20	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8535-2.8605	2.8544-2.8579	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	53.26-53.98	53.35-53.55	15-23ds	43-53ds
Copenhagen	10.3150-10.3930	10.3150-10.3380	n/a	n/a
Dublin	1.0785-1.0825	1.0788-1.0820	4-10ds	16-27ds
Frankfurt	2.5321-2.5443	2.5370-2.5403	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	257.20-259.00	257.70-259.00	112-122ds	339-337ds
Madrid	204.92-206.56	205.26-205.70	82-95ds	236-263ds
Milan	2398.00-2417.00	2410.80-2417.00	n/a	n/a
Montreal	1.9775-1.9908	1.9879-1.9908	0.27-0.20pr	0.52-0.39pr
New York	1.5035-1.5125	1.5115-1.5125	0.36-0.35pr	1.00-0.97pr
Oslo	10.9670-11.0390	10.9670-11.0050	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	8.8200-8.8620	8.8270-8.8490	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	11.9670-12.0470	11.9990-12.0380	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	157.14-159.04	158.85-159.04	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	17.80-17.92	17.83-17.87	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.2321-2.2387	2.2342-2.2373	n/a	n/a

Source: Extel. *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5107-1.5133
Australia dollar	2.2229-2.2261
Bahrain dinar	0.5615-0.5735
Brazil cruzeiro*	128.74-130.04
Cyprus pound	0.765-0.775
Finland markka	8.677-8.793
Greece drachma	353.25-360.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.718-11.728
India rupee	46.89-47.85
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4485-0.4585
Malaysia ringgit	3.8601-3.8643
Mexico peso	4.62-4.72
New Zealand dollar	2.7185-2.7253
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5795-5.7055
Singapore dollar	2.4373-2.4405
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9866-7.0366
S Africa rand (com)	5.0702-5.0782
U A E dirham	5.463-5.587

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4736-1.4747
Austria	11.89-11.90
Belgium (Com)	35.45-35.85
Canada	1.3152-1.3162
Denmark	6.85-6.87
France	5.845-5.855
Germany	1.678-1.679
Hong Kong	7.750-7.751
Ireland	1.398-1.401
Italy	1595.0-1598.0
Japan	104.9-105.0
Malaysia	2.553-2.554
Netherlands	1.891-1.892
Norway	7.29-7.31
Portugal	171.45-171.65
Singapore	1.612-1.613
Spain	137.0-137.2
Sweden	7.958-7.978
Switzerland	1.4755-1.4765

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 4 Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5¾. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth: 5¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open 5¾, close 4.					
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.07	n/a	3.12	3.13	3.49
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £534m allotted: £200m; Bids: £98.74% received: 77%; Last week: £98.745% received: 72%; Avge rate: £5.0507% last wk £5.0285%; Next week: £200m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7-6
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10-9
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	3-2⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $371.00-371.40 Close: $373.20-373.60 High: $373.10-373.60
Low: $369.85-370.35 Krugerrand: $372.00-375.00 (£246.00-248.00)
Sovereigns: Old $85.00-86.00 (£56.50-58.50) New $85.00-86.00 (£56.50-58.50)
Platinum: $385.60 (£255.60) Silver: $4.80 (£3.17) Palladium: $136.75 (£90.65)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	600	33½	46	55	13½	27	30
(*614½)	650	11	23	31	42½	55	57½
Argyll	330	36	40	49½	5½	12	15
(*354)	360	16½	25	33	17	25	28½
ASDA	60	-	10	12	-	4½	6
(*64)	70	-	5½	7½	-	10	12
Boots	460	39	47½	56½	7½	14	19
(*486)	500	15	25	34½	24	32½	38
Br Airways	345	21½	31½	-	14	23	-
(*348½)	360	14½	23½	31½	22	31½	39½
BP	300	14	20	24½	11½	16½	19½
(*298)	330	3½	8	13	33	35½	38
Br Steel	110	10	16	19	6½	10½	13
(*111½)	120	6	11	14½	12½	15	18
C & W	800	62½	79	96	11½	23½	29½
(*843½)	850	31	50½	66½	31	45	51½
CU	600	-	56	62	-	15	26
(*627)	650	-	28	34	-	39	52
ICI	681	35	53½	-	20	29	-
(*692)	750	8½	21½	30	65	70	83
Kingfishr	650	48	66½	80	13	20½	25½
(*685½)	700	17	36	50	35	43	48
Land Sec	650	39	51	63	11	21	26
(*669)	700	13	25	37½	36½	47	52
M & S	360	20½	28	36	8½	15½	17½
(*365½)	390	6	14½	21½	26	31½	33½
Nat West	460	34½	47	52	8	14½	23
(*480½)	500	13	25	30½	28	34	43½
Sainsbury	500	39	46	60½	9½	18	23
(*527)	550	12½	24½	34½	35	43½	48
Shell	650	16½	32½	38	21½	29	39
(*650½)	700	3½	14	18½	60	63½	71
Smkl Bch	420	49½	59	67½	6½	15½	19½
(*450)	460	24	36½	46½	22	32	30½
Storehse	220	17	23	27	6½	12	14½
(*228½)	240	7	13	17	17½	23	25
Trafalgar	101	14	-	-	4	-	-
(*108½)	110	8	12	15	7½	12	14
Unilever	1050	41	61	75	28½	41	53
(*1056½)	1100	18½	37	-	59½	70	82
Zeneca	650	63	74½	81½	9½	17	28
(*703)	700	29½	45	52	30	38½	52
Series		**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	460	17	28½	36	19	32½	36½
(*447)	500	5	14	21	50	59	62
Ladbroke	200	24	30	33	6	11½	16
(*217½)	220	11	20½	22½	15	21	27½
Utd Bisc	390	15½	29	32	24	32½	41
(*361)	420	7½	17½	20½	46	52½	60

August 20, 1993 Tot: 28570 Call: 19595 Put: 8975 FT-SE Call: 3085 Put: 3238
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	750	58½	62½	77	14	21	26
(*780½)	800	28	36	49½	35½	44½	49
Thames W	500	51	53½	61½	5½	8½	12
(*540)	550	17½	22½	31½	26½	30	33
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	475	32	45	-	14	19½	-
(*480½)	500	18	30½	34	26½	32	41
BTR	390	20	30½	34	12	15½	21½
(*395½)	420	7½	16	19	30½	33½	37½
Br Aero	420	58	74	82	21	33	41½
(*449)	460	36	55	64	40	52½	62
Br Telcm	420	24	30	38	10½	18	21
(*426½)	460	7	13	19	36	42	43
Cadbury	500	22½	31	39	23½	28	37½
(*493½)	550	6½	12	20½	59½	61½	69½
Guinness	460	55	67½	74	6	11	19
(*500)	500	28	41	52	19	25½	35
GEC	330	30	35	41½	5	9½	12
(*347½)	360	12	19	24½	18	24	26
Hanson	240	21	25	27	5½	9	11
(*256)	260	10	14	16	14	18	20
LASMO	130	16	20½	23	8½	12	14
(*136½)	140	11	16½	19	14	17	19
Lucas	140	21½	25	27½	5½	8½	10½
(*154)	160	8½	13½	16	15½	18½	21
Pilkingtn	140	19½	21	23	4½	8	10
(*151)	160	7½	11	14	14	19	21½
Prudential	330	17½	24	27½	14	17½	24
(*333½)	360	6½	12	15	35½	37	42½
Redland	550	31½	45	52½	28	36	49½
(*555)	600	12½	24½	32	61½	66½	80
Royal Ins	317	31½	39½	-	8½	13	-
(*336)	346	15½	23½	-	23	26½	-
Tesco	220	25	31½	36	6	11½	14½
(*238)	240	14	22	25	14½	21	24
Vodafone	500	74½	83	92½	7½	14½	18½
(*562)	550	39½	52	62	23½	33	38
Williams	330	27½	35½	40	11	15	21½
(*346½)	360	12½	21	25½	27	31	37

FT-SE INDEX (*3057)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Aug	126	76	26	½	½	½
Sep	136	85	54	31	12	6
Oct	158	105	73	52	30	23
Nov	171	139	108	80	59	42
Dec	-	153	-	89	-	50
Puts						
Aug	½	½	½	26	76	126
Sep	11	20	34	63	91	130
Oct	21	35	52½	70	105	142
Nov	37	50	70	87	122	157
Dec	-	64	-	105	-	164

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	14	28	35½	6½	15	23
(*394½)	420	3	14	21½	27	32½	39½
Amstrad	35	2½	4	5	2½	4	5
(*35)	40	1½	2½	3½	6	7	8
Barclays	460	41	55	64	2½	9	16
(*495)	500	12	30	39	14½	25½	33½
Blue Circ	260	13	21½	29	6	17	21½
(*266)	280	4	12½	19½	18	29	33
Br Gas	330	9	16½	23	6	16	19
(*331½)	360	1½	6½	11	29	36½	38½
Dixons	220	15½	26	32½	5½	12½	17½
(*227½)	240	5½	16	23	16½	23	27½
Forte	220	18	25½	32	3	9½	13½
(*232½)	240	6	14	22	11½	19½	24
Hillsdwn	160	14	23	27½	2½	8	11
(*171)	180	4½	10	15	12	18	22
Lonrho	120	12	15	22	2½	7	10
(*128½)	130	5½	13	17	6	11	15
Sears	110	8	11	14	2	5	6
(*115½)	120	2½	6	8½	6	10	11
Thm Emi	950	38½	68	82	8½	24½	36½
(*971½)	1000	11½	40	55	34	49	61
Tomkins	220	18½	27½	32½	2½	7½	11
(*233½)	240	5	16½	21	10½	16½	21
TSB	200	9½	18	23	4½	9½	14
(*204)	220	2	9½	13½	16½	21½	25½
Wellcome	700	60½	85½	100	7	29½	37
(*745)	750	23	54½	72	24½	52	61
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**
Glaxo	550	47½	60½	76	7	28½	41
(*590)	600	16½	35½	53	28	54½	66
HSBC	700	39	65	83½	13	31	49
(*729½)	750	14	41	60½	39	57½	75
Reuter	1500	51½	108	44½	23½	60	82
(*1525)	1550	25½	81½	117	49½	84	04½
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**
R-Royce	140	19½	23½	27	1	6½	9
(*156½)	160	5½	12½	17½	8	16	18½
Series		**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Fisons	160	23½	27	30	4	8	11½
(*175)	180	9½	15	19½	12½	17½	21½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastrn Elc	500	42½	50	56½	7½	14½	17
(*525½)	550	14½	23	30½	31½	38½	41½
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Natl Pwr	360	10	23½	29	6½	14½	19½
(*360½)	390	1½	10	16	29	32½	36½
Scot Pwr	330	9	21½	-	6	12	-
(*352½)	390	1	6	10	38½	39	41½

COMMODITIES

COMMODITY REPORT: Robusta coffee futures closed lower as the market ran into some profit-taking following its recent run-up in quiet conditions but the overall uptrend remained clearly intact. Cocoa futures also suffered a modest reversal after climbing to a 20 month high earlier in the week amid some pre-weekend profit-taking. White sugar was easier under pressure from the CSCE arbitration ruling.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	759-758	Dec	842-840
Dec	779-778	Mar	855-850
Mar	802-800	May	868-860
May	812-810	Jul	882-870
Jul	821 SLR		
Sep	832-830		Volume: 3473

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1230-1225	May	1156-1154
Nov	1203-1201	Jul	1154-1145
Jan	1180-1179	Sep	1165-1155
Mar	1164-1160		Volume: 1723

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

Spot: unq		Dec	unq
May	unq	Mar	...
Aug	...	May	...
Oct	...	Aug	...
			Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	261.9-60.0
Spot: 291.0		Aug	267.6-65.5
Oct	259.5-58.5	Oct	259.5-56.0
Dec	257.5-55.0	Dec	262.0-56.2
Mar	259.0-58.0		Volume: 1148

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 20

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	71.35	89.79	131.93
(+/-)	+2.71	+2.04	-1.11
Eng/Wales:	71.35	89.90	131.92
(+/-)	+2.71	+2.10	+0.90
(%)	-29.7	-15.3	-40.7
Scotland:	n/a	89.75	132.03
(+/-)	n/a	+1.77	-3.56
(%)	n/a	-23.6	-29.7

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	...	Mar	105.0	105.0
Sep	99.0	99.0			Volume: 3

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Sep 105.20
Nov 106.50
Jan 108.60
Mar 110.80
May 112.90
Volume: 201

BARLEY (close £/t)
Sep 100.00
Nov 102.80
Jan 105.10
Mar 107.15
May 108.40
Volume: 9

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Aug unq
Oct ...
Dec ...
Feb ...
Apr ...
Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	67.5
Apr	76.5	76.7
May	unq	89.5
		Volume: 56

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Sep 59.25-59.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The oil market ended the week on the same indifferent tone which was seen for the past few days.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.70	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.80	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Oct)	17.00	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.80	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.20	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	192 (n/c)	194 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	161 (n/c)	162 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Sep	164 (+1)	165 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Oct	165 (n/c)	166 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	62 (+1)
Naphtha	160 (n/c)	161 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Sep	162.00-62.25	Dec	168.25-68.50
Oct	164.25-64.50	Jan	169.50-69.75
Nov	166.25-66.50	Feb	169.25-69.50
			Vol: 7829

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	17.08-17.10	Jan	17.44-17.48
Nov	17.16-17.17	Feb	17.60 SLR
Dec	17.31-17.35		Vol: 13265

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	183.00-83.50	Dec	unq
Oct	unq	Jan	unq
Nov	unq		Vol: 300

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	1465	1455	1456
Sep 93	1490	1475	1475
Oct 93	1505	1485	1490
Nov 93	1505	1505	1505

Vol: 290 lots. Open int'st: 3458 Index 1450 +15

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1937.0-1937.5	1906.5-1907.5	95825
Lead ($/tonne)	386.50-387.50	399.50-400.00	93075
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	885.00-886.00	897.00-898.00	419350
Tin ($/tonne)	4815.0-4820.0	4865.0-4870.0	6070
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1154.5-1155.5	1176.5-1177.0	1085425
Nickel ($/tonne)	4750.0-4752.0	4800.0-4805.0	37578

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Europeans could bring Walker Cup back to life



John Hopkins suggests the Americans would be better tested by a pan-European challenge

THERE are two possible courses of action after Great Britain and Ireland's disastrous performance in the Walker Cup. The first is to analyse it to death. The second is to concede it was a real drubbing and have done with it. The correct response probably lies somewhere in between. It *was* a drubbing and it *was* one of those days.

To one accustomed to the heroics of team golf by European men and women, amateur and professional, the events at Interlachen country club, Minneapolis, came as a bolt from the blue, the more so because at one time on the first day it looked as though the ten-singles series might be shared, five points each.

Then came the complete turnaround. The British players who had scored 2½ points from the first four could score only 2½ points from the next 20. The US swept to 4-0 victory in the second morning's foursomes. Then they won 8½ points from the ten afternoon's singles. The 19-5 victory that resulted was the biggest since the US won 11-1 in 1961. Nothing went right for the visitors on the second day. All four pairs lost the opening hole to the Americans with poor golf. It did not end there, either. In all, the British lost the first hole in ten of the day's 14 matches.

Some of the American scoring was very good. Allen Doyle, for example, was two under par, without any bogeys, when he beat Dean Robertson, and he and Justin Leonard were three under par, again with no bogeys, in their victory over Iain Pyman and Stuart Cage. Leonard was approximately five under par in the afternoon.

The Great Britain and Ireland decision to go for youth, on the grounds that they have little or no experience of being intimidated by the Americans, backfired. The four Americans who were over 40 provided a crucial core of experience to which was added the ebullience and expertise of the promising youngsters such as Leonard.

On top of this, Vinny Giles proved himself a masterly captain, brilliantly blending youth and experience. "We had good chemistry," Giles said. He also pointed out that in his view this was the strongest American team for 20 years. "They were a damn good bunch of people," he said. "As fine a team as I have ever known."

It has been suggested that the singles should be widened to include all ten players, thus making the match for 28 points, not 24. This would favour the Americans with their strength in depth and create problems in the event of an injury unless a non-playing reserve is selected. Furthermore, it would remove an essential aspect of the competition — the art of captaincy.

In teams events, the Americans have traditionally taken a hands-off view, believing they had the best players, they should all play and they would win. Defeats in the Ryder and Curtis Cups suggested there was a weakness in this theory and the way Giles deployed his men this week confirms they now believe in a more active form of captaincy.

It is time, though, to consider widening the Great Britain and Ireland squad to include mainland Europeans, as has happened in the Ryder Cup. It was a letter from Jack Nicklaus to Lord Derby that sparked the change of format in the professional competition and started the process that led to its becoming the most exciting team event in golf.

The Royal and Ancient and the USGA should at least consider doing the same to provide the Americans with a more realistic challenge and help to spread the interest throughout emerging golf countries such as Sweden. If this change was made the Walker Cup could, in time, become a truly pan-European event. If it is not, then it could become something most unappealing, a Wightman Cup of golf.

RESULTS (United States names first) Singles: D Bergano Jr lost to M Stanford, 3 and 2; A Doyle bt I Pyman, 1 hole; J Sigel lost to D Robertson, 3 and 2; K Mitchum halved with S Cage, J Leonard bt R Burns, 4 and 3, D Yates bt P Page, 2 and 1, T Herron bt P Harrington, 1 hole, T Demsey bt R Russell, 2 and 1; J Leonard bt R Burns, 4 and 3, B Gay lost to V Philips, 2-1; J Harris bt B Dredge, 4 and 3. Singles result: United States 6½, Great Britain and Ireland 3½. Foursomes: A Doyle and J Leonard bt I Pyman and S Cage, 4 and 3; D Bergano Jnr and T Demsey bt M Stanford and P Harrington, 3 and 2; J Sigel and K Mitchum bt B Dredge and V Phillips, 3 and 2; J Harris and T Herron bt R Russell and D Robertson, 1 hole. Foursomes result: United States 4, Great Britain and Ireland 0. Singles: Doyle bt Robertson, 4 and 3; Harris bt Pyman, 3 and 2; D Yates bt Cage, 2 and 1; Sigel bt P Page, 5 and 4; B Gay halved with Harrington; Herron bt Philips, 3 and 2; Mitchum bt Russell, 4 and 2; D Bergano lost to R Burns, 1 hole, Demsey bt Dredge, 3 and 2; Leonard bt Stanford, 5 and 4. Singles result: United States 8½, Great Britain and Ireland 1½. Final result: United States 19, Great Britain and Ireland 5.

Woosnam finds solution to his putting problems

BY MEL WEBB

THE labyrinthine saga of Ian Woosnam and his family of errant putters took another turn at the Murphy's English Open yesterday, and this time, for a change, the tale was one of joy unconfined.

The Welshman, who in recent times has switched putters, grips and techniques as often as other people change their socks, had a 67 to put himself a shot off the lead, and then said he owed his best putting form for two years to Gary Player, of all people.

Woosnam was sitting, tortured, in his hotel room when a mental picture of the legendary South African player came before him. In his mind's eye he saw Player, knock-kneed, weight on the left foot, sinking putts from all points of the compass. Woosnam, with nothing to lose, immediately grabbed his putter, put down a couple of balls, and tried stroking the ball *a la* Player. It worked on the carpet, and, lo and behold, it has worked on the greens, too.

"I have been looking for a way to lock myself up, get firmer on the stroke and keep my head down," he said. "This might be the answer. It feels terrible, but it seems to work."

Indeed it did. His playing partner, Tony Johnstone, who shares the lead with José María Cañizares on 137, seven under par, described Woosnam's putting as "deadly", and it was a description with which Woosnam was not inclined to argue.

"Yes, I've been knocking them in well the last two days," he said. "But let's see how it lasts. I'm still amazed the ball is going in."

An upbeat Woosnam, who had six birdies and a solitary bogey, was still not completely happy, however. When are they, ever? "One minute I'm playing well but can't putt, the next I can't play but manage to put them away and score well," he said with a wry smile. "My driving is all over the place, and I'm not hitting my irons that great." And this after a 67; heaven only knows what might happen if he gets everything right.

He felt confident enough, in any case, to make optimistic noises about the weekend. "I feel that before long I'm going to have a good one — a 62 or something. If I can get my irons going I think I could have a good chance." Not five minutes before Johnstone had said that Woosnam had "got the walk going again". Woosnam watchers will know exactly what he meant.

Nobody dared to mention the Ryder Cup to Woosnam, who had said the day before that he was heartily sick of talking about it, but the connotations of his return to confidence and form are inescapable. If he wins or finishes second here, he will earn a place in the European team by right, and he will have achieved his target when this tournament started.

Other places can be cemented this weekend, too. Peter Baker, in eighth position in the Cup list, had a 74 in the first round, but handsomely recovered his position with a course record of 65. He is five under par, level with Joakim Haeggman (twelfth) and Steven Richardson (sixteenth) and a shot behind Woosnam. Costantino Rocca (seventh), Jose Rivero and Jeff Hawkes. For these men and a handful of others, much is at stake in the next two days.

☐ Julie Hall, the Curtis Cup player, swept to a six-stroke victory in the British Women's Open amateur stroke play championship at a windswept Gullane yesterday. Hall, 26, who has won the Scottish, Welsh and English strokeplay titles this season, moved clear of the field with third and fourth rounds of 73 and 75.



Experimenting: Woosnam has often switched putters, grips and techniques

Eager challengers launch late rush

WITH just over a week to go before entries close for the inaugural Times Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge, there has been a late rush of companies eager to take part (Mel Webb writes).

The challenge has already proved itself an outstanding success in its first year, so much so that more than 20 companies, none of which has been involved in the competition this year, have entered for the 1994 challenge.

The organisers of the competition are already looking at ways of streamlining the rules next year. They are considering reducing the minimum number of golfers competing in each golf day from 25 to 20, and are also thinking of changing the rule concerning the make-up of each team. In this first year the teams have consisted of three members of staff and one guest — this may be changed to two employees and two guests next year.

The deadline for entries is August 31, and the last day for companies to have their day included in this year's competition has been extended to September 18.

The rules of the competition are simple. Companies that register in the challenge have to stage an 18-hole Stableford in which at least 25 players take part, with competitors playing off 7/8 of a maximum 24 handicap for men and 30 for women.

The 25 teams with the best aggregate score will qualify for one of five regional finals, and each team comprises the leading three members of staff and the leading guest provided that they are amateurs, have an official club handicap and are available for the regional and national finals. The five regional finals, in early October, will be held, all golf expenses paid, at Fulford (North), Collingtree (Midlands), Bristol and Clifton (West and Wales), Hagges Castle (Scotland and Ireland) and Foxhills (South East).



The winning team in each region will go through to the national final, to be held from November 25 to 29 at the Hyatt La Manga Club Resort in southern Spain, where a 36-hole Stableford competition over two days will be staged on the famous South Course. A fee of £150 will register companies, for which they will receive a challenge trophy for the individual winner at their golf day, and shields, all personalised, for the three runners-up.

Fixture lists appear weekly in the sports pages of *The Times*, and results also appear in the paper on a weekly basis. All details are available from the challenge offices at 071 436 3415.

Lunn sisters contest lead

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN HANINGE, SWEDEN

LORA Fairclough, from Chorley, shared the lead with Karen Lunn, the British Open golf champion, and Carin Hjalmarsson, of Sweden, after the second round of the IBM Open yesterday.

Fairclough, 23, in her third season on the European tour, is developing into a model professional, notwithstanding the odd careless lapse such as signing her scorecard incorrectly in the Open at Woburn last week.

She had a round of 71, two under par, yesterday for a total of 143, three under, and checking it was no problem, for she hit 17 greens in regulation and had 16 pars and two birdies, at the second and 14th holes.

Lunn shot a 68, the best round of the tournament so far, to follow her opening 75. An eagle three at the first did her no harm, and she had birdies at the seventh, eighth, 11th and 12th.

The Australian's secret was to keep out of trouble — unlike Laura Davies, her playing partner, who needed three shots to get out of a ditch at the sixth and took seven, a triple bogey, on her way to a 74 and a total of 148, two over.

The challengers to the leaders, a group on one under par, included Lunn's sister, Mardi. The younger Lunn by two years, she missed two birdie putts of three feet, but Australia still led the family aggregate competition. They were on 288, with the Swedish Sorenstam sisters, Annika and Charlotta, on 295 and the Shapcotts, Allison and Sue, from England, on 298.

Charlotta, the younger of the Sorenstams, is still an amateur but was level par. She has one major problem when it comes to scoring, however: she is dyslexic. She was disqualified from her first college tournament in America for signing for the wrong score; future partners should take note.

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (GB and Irel: 143: L Fairclough, 72, 71; C Hjalmarsson (Swe), 72, 71. K Lunn (Aus), 75, 68. 144: S Moon (US), 74, 70; A Gottmo (Swe), 72, 72. 146: C Dibnah (Aus), 73, 73. M Lunn (Aus), 74, 71; V Palli (Fr), 73, 73. 146: T Johnson, 73, 73; *C Sorenstam, 73, 73; C Nilsmark (Swe), 77, 69. A Nicholes, 75, 71. 147: S Gautrey (Aus), 74, 73. A Shapcott, 74, 73; M Spencer-Devlin (US), 72, 75. F Bassu (It), 72, 75. R Lautens (Switz), 76, 71. J Allmark (Swe), 72, 75; L Neumann (Swe), 74, 73; J Geddes (US), 73, 74; H Dobson, 76, 71. 148: J Hill (Zim), 74, 74; L Davies, 74, 74. S Waugh (Aus), 73, 75; H Wadsworth, 75, 73. 149: A Sorenstam (Swe), 75, 74; J Forbes, 74, 75. *M Hjorth, 77, 72.
*denotes amateur

Channelling funds into a second helping



SIMON BARNES
On Saturday

AND so, what of Stephanie Wilson, flower of Whitby, the Channel-swimming dinner-lady? She made her attempt to cross that dream-littered stretch of water last Sunday, borne up by the fervent good wishes of this column and the knowledge that her scrimped-and-saved-for £2,000 would make this a once-in-a-lifetime attempt.

She swam 18 miles in 14 hours of striving. She swam three miles through a sea of jellyfish. She could see France before her. But alas, she was forced to give up three miles off Cap Gris Nez. An hour before that, she had been forced to stop and tread water while her boat-people fixed lights. The pause chilled her, and she never recovered.

Since Captain Webb's first crossing in 1875, there have been 4,200 solo attempts at the swim, and 423 of them have been succesful.

Wilson's game-plan has now been amended. She will go to Whitby College for two years to study health and social care. Then she will devote a year of solid training for another bash at the Channel, if she can scrape together another two-grand-plus-inflation. If any athlete in the country deserves sponsorship more, such an athlete has passed me by. If anyone wishes to support the channel-swimming dinner lady, I shall be more than happy to pass anything on.

Defensive play

For those who do not have a subscription to the Brazilian *Playboy* magazine, I can pass on some amazing and exotic revelations allegedly made by Pele. The first is that his first sexual experience was homosexual, and it occurred when he was a lad playing for a local team in São Paulo. The second concerns an affair he had with a blonde television presenter named Xuxa. The usual mutual conflagration took place, but Pele had so much respect for virginity that he refused to be involved in her defloration. Xuxa, clearly a practical lady, had the matter attended to by a third party so that the joy could begin. Pele, who is in Montevideo, has caught up with the news, and has dismissed the homosexuality story — in the same elegant laid-back way that the long-memoried ones among us can recall him dismissing opposing full-backs. "It must have been a misunderstanding. My first affair was with a woman. I am not too worried about this. I know what I am, and everyone knows me from what I have done with my life."

Oar sorts

Odd bunch, these rowing people. The British men's lightweight coxless four takes on the world at the world championships next week with the owner of a catering business, a mechanical electrical quantity surveyor, the managing director of a lubrication company and a computer salesman. The women's lightweight coxless four hits back with a computer consultant, a student, an architect and an antique dealer.

Golden age

One of the wisest men in the cricketing press box informed me the other day that there were three batsmen in England he would pay to see: David Gower, John Emburey and Les Taylor. But with the heroics of Emburey and Graham Gooch, both 40, in the previous Test, I now learn more about the raging cricketing fires of autumn. Chardstock began the day with 149 for eight; their opponents, Axminster seconds, were kept down to 139 for eight by a trio of spin bowlers with a combined age of 172. Dave Starmer, aged 60, took four for 44; Frank Huddy, also 60, had two for 32. Hot-headed youth was represented by Pete Beviss, 52, who took two for 32. Chardstock's top scorer was Gavin Churchill, 78 (runs) and 15 (years). "I wonder if any other village club can match our age-to-success ratio," David Starmer writes. "Through your column, we issue a challenge."

Meanwhile, North End and Felbridge CC celebrated its centenary with a match between a former members' XI and a past president's XI: average age 55, oldest player 69. Several batsmen retired after making 35 runs, or in some cases, walks; only two fielders needed to retire. However, H. C. "Bert" Pope, 69, was not allowed to play, since he is not a former player: he is still captain and wicketkeeper for the club's Sunday A side.



Bardic bar

I have been wondering why all competitors have to wear the word "snickers" about themselves at the world athletics championships. Pondering long and hard about this, I have come to the conclusion that it is an oblique reference to a poem by T. S. Eliot, constituting an attempt to put success and failure into a more thoughtful perspective than is usual in sport:

I have seen the moment of my greatness flicker.
And I have seen the eternal Footman hold my coat and snicker.
And in short, I was afraid.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.0 kick-off

FA Carling Premiership
Blackburn v Oldham
Coventry v West Ham (all ticket)
Everton v Sheffield Utd
Ipswich v Chelsea
Leeds v Norwich
Manchester Utd v Newcastle
QPR v Southampton
Sheff Wed v Arsenal
Tottenham v Manchester City
Wimbledon v Aston Villa

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Bolton v Stoke
Bristol City v Crystal Palace
Middlesbrough v Derby
Nottm Forest v Grimsby
Peterborough v Notts County
Portsmouth v Luton
Sunderland v Charlton
Tranmere v Leicester
Watford v Barnsley
West Bromwich v Oxford Utd
Second division
Blackpool v Brentford
Bournemouth v Bradford
Brighton v Hartlepool
Exeter v York
Fulham v Cardiff
Hull v Plymouth
Leyton Orient v Bristol Rovers
Port Vale v Barnet
Reading v Burnley
Rotherham v Huddersfield
Stockport v Cambridge Utd
Swansea v Wrexham
Third division
Chesterfield v Hereford
Crewe v Colchester
Doncaster v Carlisle
Lincoln v Darlington
Rochdale v Gillingham
Scarborough v Preston
Scunthorpe v Bury
Shrewsbury v Walsall
Torquay v Wigan
Wycombe v Chester

GM Vauxhall Conference
* Bath v Macclesfield
* Bromsgrove v Yeovil
* Dagenham and Redbridge v Southport
* Dover v Kidderminster
Gateshead v Runcorn
Halifax v Kettering
Merthyr v Altrincham
Northwich v Woking
Stalybridge v Slough
Telford v Witton
Welling v Stafford
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Scottish League
Premier Division
Celtic v Rangers
Dundee v Aberdeen
Hearts v Hibernian
Kilmarnock v Motherwell
Raith v Partick
St Johnstone v Dundee Utd
First division
Airdrieonians v Hamilton
Brechin v Dunfermline
Clyde v Ayr
Dumbarton v Clydebank
Falkirk v Stirling
St Mirren v Morton
Second division
Albion v Queen's Park
Alloa v East Stirling
Arbroath v Forfar
Cowdenbeath v East Fife
Meadowbank v Berwick
Montrose v Stenhousemuir
Queen Of South v Stranraer

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Kingstonian, Basingstoke v Molesey; Carshalton v Enfield; Dorking v Wivenhoe; Dulwich v Hayes; Grays v Hendon; Harrow v Wokingham; Hitchin v Bromley; St Albans v Chesham; Sutton v Stevenage; Yeading v Maidstone. First division: Abingdon Town v Bognor; Barking v Croydon; Billericay v Wembley; Chalfont St Peter v Staines; Heybridge v Boreham Wd; Maidenhead v Whyteleafe; Purfleet v Ruislip; Uxbridge v Leyton; Walton and H v Berkhampstead; Windsor and E v Bishop's Stortford; Worthing v Tooting and M. Second division: Aldershot v Egham; Banstead v Raunham, Collier Row v Met Police, Edgware v Witham; Hampton v Newbury; Hemel Hempstead v Saffron Waldon; Hungerford v Ware; Leatherhead v Barton, Lewes v Chertsey; Maldon Vale v Aveley; Thame v Tilbury. Third division: Bracknell v Epsom and E, Chesham v Tring; Clapton v Horsham; E Thurrock v Flackwell Hth; Harefield v Hertford, Harlow v Camberley; Hornchurch v Oxford City; Kingsbury v Southall; Northwood v Leighton; Royston v Cove

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Fleetwood v Emley; Frickley v Colwyn Bay; Gainsborough v Bishop Auckland, Ramsch v Matlock; Hyde v Accrington Stanley; Knowsley v Buxton; Leek v Bridlington; Manne v Boston; Morecambe v Droylsden; Whitley Bay v Chorley; Winsford v Barrow. First division: Ashton v Worksop, Barnber v Alfreton; Congleton v Lancaster; Curzon Ashton v Goole; Eastwood v Whitby; Farsley v Caernarfon; Great Harwood v Mossley; Gretna v Radcliffe B; Guiseley v Workington; Netherfield v Harrogate; Spennymoor v Warrington.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Farnborough, Bashley v Halesowen; Burton v Trowbridge; Cambridge City v Moor Green, Cheltenham v Chelmsford; Corby v Gloucester; Crawley Town v Nuneaton, Dorchester v Gresley Rovers; Stringbourne v Hednesford; Solihull v Waterlooville; Worcester v Hastings. Midland division: Bilston v RC Warwick; Bridgnorth v Bedworth; Forest Green v Grantham; Hinckley v Evesham, King's Lynn v Stourbridge; Leicester Utd v Dudley; Newport AFC v Tamworth, Redditch v VS Rugby; Rushden v Clevedon, Sutton Coldfield v Weston-super-Mare; Yate v Armitage, Southern division: Baldock v Havant; Braintree v Ashford; Buckingham v Gravesend; Canterbury v Sudbury; Dunstable v Burnham; Erith v Weymouth, Margate v Fareham; Newport IoW v Bury, Poole v Wealdstone; Salisbury v Fisher; Witney v Tonbridge.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare v Ards; Ballymena v Crusaders; Coleraine v Linfield; Cliftonville v Bangor; Distillery v Larne; Glentoran v Coleraine, Portadown v Omagh.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Derry v Cobh Ramblers.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor v Meesteg Park; Caersws v Cwmbran; Connah's Quay v Llanelli, Conwy v Afan Lido; Haverfordwest v Flint Town; Holywell v Briton Ferry; Mold v Aberystwyth; Newtown v Ebbw Vale; Porthmadog v Inter Cardiff, Ton Pentre v Llansantfraid.

CARLING NORTH-WEST COUNTIES: First division: Atherton LR v Rossendale; Bradford PA v Salford C, Clitheroe v Blackpool Fyre; Eastwood H v Prescot; Glossop NE v Bootle; Mains Road (Man) v Burscough, Skelmersdale v Chadderton; St Helens Town v Kidsgrove Ath.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: First division: Barnstaple v Heavitree; Bishop Sutton v Warminster; Brislington v Bridport; Chard v Keynsham; Glastonbury v Pewsey V, Ilfracombe v Clyst, Larkhall v Dawlish; Ottery St Mv Devizes; Radstock v Backwell.

CRICKET

Sixth Test
Third day of five
11.0 to 6.0, 90 overs minimum
THE OVAL: England v Australia

Britannic Assurance county championship
Third day of four
11.0, 110 overs minimum
ILKESTON: Derbyshire v Surrey
DARLINGTON: Durham v Warwickshire
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Hampshire
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Essex
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Northamptonshire
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Leicestershire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Kent

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Home Counties League, Berkshire v Oxfordshire (Hungerford). Midland Counties championship: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire (Nottingham). County matches, Bedfordshire v Northamptonshire (Bedford Bora); Mid-Wales v Herefordshire (Presteigne); Worcestershire v Buckinghamshire (Droitwich Vines Park)

GOLF: Murphy's English Open (Forest of Arden).

SPEEDWAY: First division: Eastbourne v Belle Vue (7.30); Bradford v Reading (7.30). Coventry v Ipswich (7.30), King's Lynn v Poole (7.30). Second division: Swindon v Long Eaton (7.30).

TENNIS: Reebok Tour: Final (Havant). Midland Bank British junior championships (Nottingham)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership
Swindon v Liverpool (4.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Birmingham v Wolverhampton (3.0, all ticket)
Millwall v Southend (3.0)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City v Monaghan (3.30); Drogheda v St Patrick's (3.30); Limerick v Shelbourne (3.30); Shamrock v Dundalk (6.15)

CRICKET

Sixth Test
Fourth day of five
11.0 to 6.0, 90 overs minimum
THE OVAL: England v Australia

Axa Equity and Law League
12.0, 50 overs
ILKESTON: Derbyshire v Surrey
DARLINGTON: Durham v Warwickshire
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Hampshire
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Essex
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Northamptonshire
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Leicestershire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Kent
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two). Neston: Cheshire v Wiltshire. Sidmouth: Devon v Cornwall. Oswestry: Shropshire v Wales.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EBF national championships (Skegness).
GOLF: Murphy's English Open (Forest of Arden)
MOTOR RACING: British touring car championship (Brands Hatch).
SPEEDWAY: Second division: Glasgow v Peterborough (6.30). Newcastle v Exeter (7.0), Rye House v Long Eaton (4.0).

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Hamalainen hunts O'Brien's crown



DAVID MILLER

At the world championships

A mystery man yesterday held the world championships crowd spellbound for almost 12 hours. Eduard Hamalainen, 24, from Grodno in Belorussia, who persistently remains reluctant to give biographical details, relentlessly pressed Dan O'Brien, the defending decathlon champion.

O'Brien, an adopted orphan with an unknown black father and Finnish mother, had been the overnight leader and 214 points ahead of Hamalainen in fifth place. Yesterday morning, Hamalainen, whose grandfather was a Finnish prisoner of war in the Soviet Union, cut back O'Brien with a succession of exceptional personal best performances, while the double German challenge from Thursday rapidly disintegrated.

Another full-house crowd, generous to a degree, took the disappointments of Paul Meier and Christian Schenk, the 1988 Olympic champion, on the chin and still avidly applauded every move of the battling athletic giants out front; not least during an afternoon pole vault competition — the eighth event — lasting more than three hours, in which Hamalainen claimed his second 1,000-point performance of the day when he cleared 5.30 metres (17ft 4¾in) against O'Brien's 5.20m (17ft ¾in), also a best performance.

Going into the ninth event, the javelin, this had brought Hamalainen to within 87 points, but the most dramatic turn had come soon after breakfast. O'Brien had just recorded 14.08 secs for the high hurdles, a tenth of a second slower than in last year's world record. Hamalainen responded with a remarkable 13.57, faster than half the 24 men's semi-finalists in the open event.

Earlier this year at Gotzis in Austria, Hamalainen, the overnight leader in Olympic Games last year when he finished sixth, had recorded 8,604 points. He passed 8,000 points as a 19-year-old, but when he came third in the 1988 world junior championships and then seventh in 1991 world championships, he would not discuss with foreign journalists, even Finns, his grandfather's decision to remain in Belorussia after the war.

Now, he proceeded to test to the limit the theory that O'Brien — an athletic genius whose career was nearly sunk by three years of debauchery at college in America — lacked Daley Thompson's fire and competitiveness when having his back to the wall. Too easy going a guy, they said.

"He's bigger, faster and stronger than me," Thompson has observed, but Americans were wondering whether O'Brien lacked the killer instinct. He has exasperated his Idaho coaches, Mike Keller in track and Rick Sloan in field events, but they kept faith. That, too, was now under scrutiny.

The German challenge had soon gone yesterday morning. Meier hurdled indifferently, Schenk downright badly, and then neither threw the discus up to expectation. O'Brien reached 47.92m (157ft 3in) on his first throw, below his world record distance, and could not react to Hamalainen's second throw of 49.26m.

On to the pole vault. O'Brien, having cleared 5.0m (16ft 5in) during his world record, now surpassed that with 5.20m (17ft ¾in) at the third attempt, the bar quivering. Hamalainen passed at 5.20m, then cleared 5.30m at the first attempt, and sensibly halted after his first failure at 5.40m.

O'Brien, eyes bright and sharp as a schoolboy and smiling in total relaxation at the crowd, might have looked benign yet anything but a quitter. Meier had gone out, head downcast, at 4.70m and Schenk, endlessly rocking back and forth before each jump — as irritating as Michael Chang bouncing a tennis ball a dozen times before each service — failed at 4.90m.

The moment had arrived when O'Brien needed a steady nerve to protect his slender lead in the javelin. Like Thompson against Hingsen, of Germany, in 1984 at Los Angeles when Thompson needed something special on his final throw in the discus, O'Brien needed the longer javelin throw if he was not to be unduly stretched in that traditionally strength-draining 1500 metres at the end of two days' competition.

He was equal to the moment. Not only was his opening throw of 62.18m (204ft) better than Hamalainen's 61.88m, but he improved on this with 62.56m (205ft 3in) on his second, while the Belorussian was shorter than before. Both of them decided to forfeit their final throw in preparation for their efforts on the track; Hamalainen strangely, considering he needed both to close on the leader and protect his silver medal position from those behind him. O'Brien had extended his lead by 10 points to 97.

The massive Schenk threw a huge 65.32m (214ft 4in) — huge for a decathlon man, that is — on his second throw to reduce his 461 point deficit back in fifth place. The balding Meier protected his bronze medal position going into the last event with a third throw of 61.22m — and all was still to play for.

GERARD VANDYSTAUT

Lessing takes plunge in defence of title

Stuart Jones meets a world champion with his eyes already fixed on an Olympic Games seven years away



Master of three disciplines: Lessing, pictured in Monaco, where he trains, defends his world triathlon title in Lancashire tomorrow

AT 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, Simon Lessing will plunge into the Rivington Reservoir. Although he will be wearing a wetsuit, his sanity will be questioned by at least one Boltonian, who habitually walks his dog there and appreciates the icy temperature of the deep water.

But that is only the first of Lessing's acts in a schedule which might persuade other observers to summon men in white coats. He is to swim, cycle, and run for an overall distance of 32 miles and, if all goes according to plan, he will breast the tape in Manchester within two hours to signify that he remains the best in the world in his profession.

The 22-year-old champion triathlete is British, although his first 18 years were spent in his birthplace of Cape Town, and he has lived for the last four in the South of France, where the climate is most conducive for training.

He would not have been competing this weekend had the original choice of venue been accepted by the International Triathlon Union. He considered the course in Nuremburg to be unsuitable for him, but he agreed to defend the title when the location was altered. It could even be a dress rehearsal, albeit for an event seven years hence.

Lessing is convinced that the International Olympic Committee will next year decide to include the triathlon in its programme in the year 2,000 at the expense of the modern pentathlon, considered to be comparatively expensive and outdated.

Will those Games be held in Manchester? If so, Lessing foresees himself not only being there, but also at his peak. "I might get fed up," he says, "but triathletes are supposed to reach their prime at around the age of 28 to 30." By then, he expects his sport to have developed significantly in popularity.

It is already "booming", as he put it, in Europe. There are 7,000 registered triathletes in Holland, twice as many in France, and even more in Germany, where the national team practises together for almost half the year. As yet, Britain leads in quality rather than quantity.

Britons filled the first three places in last year's European championship, for instance, and might have matched that feat this year had Spencer Smith, Lessing's closest rival, and a former world junior champion, not been disqualified. But Andrew McBarnet, the chairman of the British Association, cannot explain the high level of success.

When asked by an American official to reveal how youths were taught here, McBarnet replied that it was "in the genes".

His inquisitor was bemused. He had, he said, never suspected that the basis of a secret formula might lie in a pair of trousers.

Lessing, bored with swimming practice at the age of 15, merely followed the advice of his coach. For the sake of variation, he entered a triathlon, won the junior division, and "picked up a bit of pocket money". The seeds of a professional career had been sown.

As it could not flourish in South Africa's sporting isolation, he travelled to the home of his British parents in 1989, and was a member of the national team within a year. Lessing's story has since featured, in McBarnet's words, nothing but "unrelenting success".

He became the champion of the world in Canada and has won all but one of the six events he has entered this year. His lone defeat, in Nice two months ago, was over a distance he had never previously attempted — four kilometres in the water, 125 on the bike, and 32 on the road.

He finished second, and was also the runner-up in an experimental triathlon held at the start of the season in the Bordeaux Velodrome, where Chris Boardman set the world one-hour cycling record. An indoor circuit, featuring portable swimming pools, is to be introduced across Europe next year.

Lessing warmed up last week by winning in Helsinki. In contrast with the Iron Man contest, a gruelling nine-hour race staged in Hawaii, where the sport originated less than two decades ago, that was a sprint event and he intends to go equally "flat out" tomorrow.

The combination of speed and endurance, perfected during a daily training routine lasting five hours, should carry the tall and slender champion to a second title. Assuming he fulfils expectations, he will again be invited to attend the BBC Sports Personality of the Year awards ceremony. Recognition, he agrees, has otherwise been scant.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Champion Obree ponders future

GRAEME Obree, winner of the world 4,000 metres cycling pursuit title in Hamar, Norway, on Thursday, is undecided about his immediate future (Peter Bryan writes). The Scot, who broke two world records on his way to the gold medal, signed several individual contracts yesterday but has yet to join a professional team. "Everything has happened so quickly — I need time to think about my future," Obree said.

His next planned race is the 60-mile Eddy Merckx time-trial near Brussels on September 12 but Obree is eager to show off the home-made machine on which he won his world title to Scottish supporters as soon as possible. He has never raced on it in his home country.

While Obree was pondering his future, Chris Boardman yesterday signed a two-year professional deal with the French racing team, GAN. On the track in Hamar yesterday, Rebecca Twigg, of the United States, set a world record of 3min 37.347sec in winning the 3,000 metres pursuit title.

Stark ready to compete

EQUESTRIANISM: Ian Stark, who broke his leg in a schooling accident four weeks ago, returns on Clan Royal at the Kimberly-Clark Scottish championships at Thirlestane Castle this weekend.

Selectors are using the event as the final trial for next month's European three-day event championships in Germany. Stark is unlikely to be chosen for the team because of Clan Royal's inexperience but, as defending champion, he is entitled to compete as an individual.

☐ Britain moved up from seventh to fifth on the final day of the Rotterdam Show Nations Cup yesterday, victory going to Holland. Michael Whitaker fared best of the British team with a double clear round on Everest Midnight Madness.

Top seeds to meet

TENNIS: Tom Spinks, the top seed, survived a thrilling five-set game to reach the boys' final of the Midland Bank national junior championships at Nottingham yesterday. Spinks, 18, twice recovered from being a set down to defeat the No 4 seed, Luke Milligan, 0-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, in 2hr 40min. In the final today, Spinks will play the second seed, James Fox, who beat Michael Ingham 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5. The top seeds also meet in the girls' final after the No 1, Lizzie Jelfs, 17, came from a set down to beat Zoe Mellis 6-7, 6-4, 6-3. Jelfs will play the second seed, Claire Taylor, who overcame Megan Miller, a Florida-based 15-year-old, 6-4, 6-2.

Wickham supreme

BOWLS: John Wickham, 42, of the Totnes club, Devon, won the Sanatogen English Bowling Association singles championship at Worthing yesterday, beating Gordon Charlton, 34, of Folkestone Park, 21-17. Wickham bowled with supreme confidence and led for almost the whole of an excellent final. Charlton caught him at 16-16 and 17-17 but was wide with his last despairing drive. Charlton beat David Howes 21-8 in the semi-finals while Wickham took more than an hour longer to end the challenge of Mike Owen, a Welshman who plays for Middlesex, 21-15.

Britain face stern test

HOCKEY: The Great Britain women's team, bronze medal-winners at the Olympic Games in Barcelona, will face a stern challenge when they compete for the Champions Trophy in Amsterdam, from tomorrow until August 29. Also taking part will be Australia, Germany, Holland, Spain and South Korea.

GB SQUAD: J Atkins (captain, Bradford), C Cook (Hightown), M Davies (Sutton Coldfield), S Fraser (Glasgow Western), S Gibson (Trojans), K Johnson (Leicester), S McDonald (Glasgow Western), G Messenger (Edinburgh), T Robb (Glasgow Western), P Robertson (Edinburgh), H Rose (Ipswich), J Smith (Chelmsford), A Swindlehurst (Clifton), L Watkin (Sutton Coldfield), S Wright (Slough), L Youngs (Ipswich).

Vacant title pairing

BOXING: Paul Hodkinson, Liverpool's former world champion, is on course to meet John Davison, of Newcastle, in a British featherweight title "decider" by the end of October. Hodkinson and Davison, who beat each other as amateurs, have been paired for the domestic championship vacated by Sean Murphy's World Boxing Organisation title loss to Steve Robinson, of Wales, last month. Murphy, the previous holder, has declined to meet Davison for the vacant title as he is to move up a weight. The Boxing Board has called for short-term contracts/purse offers by September 8.

Goodway on the move

RUGBY LEAGUE: Andy Goodway and Gary Price, both Great Britain forwards, changed clubs yesterday. Goodway, 32, moved from Leeds back to his former club, Oldham, after asking to be released from his contract at Headingley. Price, 23, left Wakefield Trinity to join Featherstone Rovers, concluding a saga that has seen him train, and even take part in the pre-season team photograph, at Oldham but subsequently fail to agree personal terms. Featherstone stepped in with an undisclosed offer to Price, once they had sold Ian Smales, 24, to Castleford.

RESULTS FROM STUTTGART

Thursday's late results

Men

Pole vault

Final

1, S Bubka (Ukr), 6.00; 2, G Yegorov (Kaz), 5.90; 3 equal, M Tarasov (Russ), 5.80; 3 equal, I Trandenkov (Russ), 5.80; 5, S Huffman (US), 5.80; 6, D Petushinski (Russ), 5.80; 7, V Bukreyev (Est), 5.75; 8, J Gallione (Fr), 5.70; 9, V Bubka (Ukr), 5.70; 10, I Bagyula (Hun), 5.70; 11, P Widen (Swe), 5.60.

No mark recorded: M Ulvsback (Swe). Did not start: D Marti (Sp).

Long jump

Qualifying

8.10 metres or leading twelve overall qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Group one: 1, E Walder (US), 8.30m; 2, I Pedroso (Cuba), 8.23; 3, I Mladenov (Bul), 8.10; 4, F Fouche (SA), 7.95; 5, N Antonov (Bul), 7.91.

Group two: 1, M Powell (US), 8.15; 2, S Tarasenko (Russ), 8.05; 3, A Glowatskiy (Belo), 8.03; 4, V Kirilenko (Ukr), 8.02; 5, M Bombala (Cz Rep), 7.99; 6, S Vasdekis (Gr), 7.99; 7, A Muller (Ger), 7.85.

British non-qualifier: F Salla, 15th in group two, 7.60.

Decathlon

First day

Events: 100m, long jump, shot, high jump, 400m

1, D O'Brien (US), 4,898pts (10.57sec, 7.99m, 15.41m, 2.03m, 47.46sec); 2, P Meier (Ger), 4,584 (10.57, 7.57, 15.45, 2.15, 47.73); 3, C Schenk (Ger), 4,429 (11.22, 7.63, 15.72, 2.15, 48.78); 4, C Plaziat (Fr), 4,398 (10.80, 7.50, 14.47, 2.09, 47.91); 5, E Hamalainen (Belo), 4,384 (10.72, 7.05, 15.43, 2.09, 47.64); 6, S Fritz (US), 4,280 (10.83, 7.52, 13.97, 2.03, 48.40); 7, T Dvorak (Cz Rep), 4,154 (10.93, 7.20, 14.69, 2.00, 49.40); 8, A Blondel (Fr), 4,120 (10.94, 7.20, 14.06, 1.94, 48.12); 9, R Ganiyev (Uzbekistan), 4,105 (11.09, 7.26, 14.07, 2.03, 49.80); 10, M Kohnle (Ger), 4,094 (11.16, 7.40, 14.34, 2.00, 50.17); 11, R Muzzio (US), 4,068 (11.11, 6.72, 16.39, 1.94, 48.62); 12, P Keskitalo (Fin), 4,049 (11.03, 7.30, 14.85, 1.94, 50.76). British: 15, A Kruger, 3,996 (11.34, 7.07, 13.90, 2.06, 50.33).

Second day (Friday): positions after eight events

Events: 110m hurdles, discus, pole vault

1, D O'Brien (US), 7,361pts (14.08sec, 47.92m, 5.20m); 2, E Hamalainen (Belo), 7,274 (13.57, 49.26, 5.30); 3, P Meier (Ger), 7,061 (14.83, 45.72, 4.60); 4, C Plaziat (Fr), 6,937 (14.36, 47.74, 5.00), 5, C Schenk (Ger), 6,900 (15.29, 46.94, 4.80); 6, A Blondel (Fr), 6,861 (14.40, 45.74, 5.40); 7, S Fritz (US), 6,834 (13.99, 41.62, 4.90); 8, R Muzzio (US), 6,715 (14.51, 47.90, 5.00); 9, M Kohnle (Ger), 6,675 (14.51, 44.70, 5.00); 10, R Ganiyev (Uzbekistan), 6,600 (14.64, 39.78, 5.10); 11 equal, T Dvorak (Cz Rep), 6,581 (14.21, 42.66, 4.50); 11 equal, P Keskitalo (Fin), 6,581 (14.66, 43.26, 5.00). British: 19, A Kruger, 6,229 (15.10, 40.00, 4.40).

Women

Final

1, M Ottey (Jam), 21.96; 2, G Torrence (US), 22.00; 3, I Privalova (Russ), 22.13; 4, M-J Perec (Fr), 22.20; 5, M Onyali (Nigeria), 22.32; 6, N Voronova (Russ), 22.50; 7, G Malchugina (Russ), 22.50; 8, D Young (US), 23.04.

10,000 metres

Semi-finals

First ten in each heat plus five fastest losers qualify for final

HEAT ONE: 1, S Barsosio (Ken), 32min 27.99sec; 2, L Jennings (US), 32.28.30; 3, W Junxia (China), 32.28.35; 4, A Dias (Por), 32.28.39; 5, C Ferreira (Por), 32.28.42; 6, N Yoshida (Japan), 32.28.66; 7, C de Oliveira (Br), 32.29.48; 8, U Pippig (Ger), 32.31.90; 9, I Negura (Rom), 32.32.51; 10, O Appell (Mex), 32.34.43; 11, R Murcia (Fr), 32.56.24; 12, E van Blunk (US), 33.06.44; 13, J Sakala (Zim), 33.20.16; 14, J Kataoka (Japan), 33.21.31; 15, V Nenasheva (Russ), 33.23.19; 16, L Harvey (Can), 33.24.66; 17, V McPherson (GB), 33.49.51; 18, J Palaniappan (Mal), 33.56.72; 19, B Moore (NZ), 34.38.27; 20, A Morales (Guatemala), 36.08.02.

HEAT TWO: 1, A-M Letko (US), 32.26.22; 2, Z Huandi (China), 32.28.40; 3, M Guida (It), 32.26.60; 4, T Lorupe (Ken), 32.26.67; 5, I Maki (Japan), 32.26.89; 6, E Meyer (SA), 32.28.02; 7, F Ribeiro (Por), 32.29.21; 8, P Tikkanen (Fin), 32.51.72; 9, K Wessel (Ger), 32.52.06; 10, S Ciric (Independent), 32.58.38; 11, C McGeehan (Ire), 33.00.38; 12, G Karlshoj (Den), 33.05.13; 13, I Juarez (Mex), 33.17.94; 14, B Adere (Eth), 33.20.62; 15, M Tenorio (Ec), 33.50.68; 16, L Morton (NZ), 33.54.39; 17, M Salazar (Peru), 34.58.62; 18, G Dadabayeva (Tadj), 39.30.28; 19, T Enh-od (Mong), 40.32.86.

Discus

Final

1, O Burova (Russ), 67.40; 2, D Costian (Aus), 65.36; 3, M Chunfeng, 65.26; 4, M Martien (Cuba), 64.62; 5, A Gunaar (Ger), 62.92; 6, B Echevarria (Cuba), 62.52; 7, N Grasu (Rom), 62.10; 8, F Dietzsch (Ger), 62.06; 9, V Malatova (Czech Rep), 61.10; 10, L Mikhalchenko (Ukr), 60.42; 11, I Wyludda (Ger), 60.42; no mark recorded, C Qiaoping (China).

Yesterday's results

Men

200m

Final (top three)

1, F Fredericks (Namibia), 19.85sec; 2, J Regis (GB), 19.94; 3, C Lewis (US), 19.99.

110m hurdles

Final

1, C Jackson (GB), 12.91sec (wr); 2, A Jarrett (GB), 13.00; 3, J Pierce (US), 13.06; 4, E Valle (Cuba), 13.20; 5, F Schwarthoff (Ger), 13.27; 6, I Kazanov (Latvia), 13.38; 7, D Koszewski (Ger), 13.60; 8, A Dees (US), 14.13.

Shot

Qualifying

20.00 metres or leading 12 overall qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Group one: 1, R Barnes (US), 20.21m; 2, Y Palchalov (Russ), 19.91; 3, S Buder (Ger), 19.88; 4, K Toth (US), 19.63; 5, K Larsson (Swe), 19.56; 6, G Weil (Chile), 19.52.

Group two: 1, W Guenthaor (Switz), 20.56; 2, M Stulce (US), 20.53; 3, A Bagach (Ukr), 19.89; 4, D Peric (Yug), 19.77; 5, J Reinhard (Ger), 19.76; 6, M Martinez (Sp), 19.53

British non-qualifier: P Edwards, ninth in group two, 19.00.

Women

100m hurdles

Final (top three)

1, G Devers (US), 12.46sec; 2, M Azyabina (Russ), 12.60; 3, L Tolbert (US), 12.67.

1,500 metres

Heats

First four in each heat plus overall three fastest losers qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Heat one: 1, S O'Sullivan (Ire), 4min 5.81sec; 2, L Yi (China), 4:05.97; 3, T Kissl (Austria), 4:06.89; 4, M Zuniga (Sp), 4:07.46; 5, A Brzezinska (Pol), 4:08.33.

Heat two: 1, H Boulmerka (Alg), 4:13.13; 2, Y Wei (China), 4:13.87; 3, O Merrikova (Belo), 4:13.93; 4, A Chalmers (Can), 4:13.94.

Heat three: 1, L Dong (China), 4:04.36; 2, L Rogachova (Russ), 4:07.52; 3, F Trabaldo (It), 4:07.95; 4, C Sacramento (Por), 4:08.32; 5, V Beclea (Rom), 4:08.82; 6, L Pells (Can), 4:08.97.

British non-qualifier: S McGeorge, ninth in heat one, 4:12.93.

Triple jump

Qualifying

13.75 metres or leading 12 overall qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Group one: 1, H Radtke (Ger), 14.14m; 2, Y Chen (Russ), 14.09; 3, S Kasparkova (Cz Rep), 13.98; 4, N Montalvo (Cuba), 13.88; 5, L Ninova (Austria), 13.80; 6, M Griffith (GB), 13.48; 7, U Wlodarczyk (Pol), 13.43.

Group two: 1, I Lasovskaya (Russ), 14.05; 2, A Biryukova (Russ), 13.85; 3, I Prandzheva (Bul), 13.78; 4, A Capriotti (It), 13.52; 5, M Toth (Rom), 13.48.

British non-qualifier: R Kirby, sixth in group two, 13.33.

☐ Sally Gunnell, whose appearance fees in Britain this season have been less than half those paid to Linford Christie, is to demand equal pay. She said yesterday that she would not run in the McDonald's Games in Sheffield tomorrow week unless Andy Norman, the British Athletic Federation promotions officer, agreed to a pay rise. Gunnell believes that her new status as a world and Olympic champion, and world record holder, should be rewarded immediately. She had accepted an inferior deal compared with Christie.

TELETAPE

TODAY

0700: 50km walk (m)
0900: javelin qual group 1 (w)
0930: 4x100m 1st rd (w)
1010: 4x100m 1st rd (m)
1030: javelin qual group 2 (w)
1630: high jump final (w)
1645: triple jump final (w)
1710: 4x100m semi-finals (w)
1715: shot put final (m)
1730: 4x100m semi-finals (m)
1750: 10,000m final (w)
1835: 3000m steeplechase final (m)
1855: 4x400m 1st rd (w)
1915: 4x400m 1st rd (m)

TOMORROW

1400: high jump final (m)
1500: 1,500m final (w)
javelin final (w)
1520: 4x100m final (w)
1540: 4x100m final (m)
1600: 10,000m final (m)
1630: 1500m final (m)
1710: 4x400m final (w)
1730: 4x400m final (m)
1800: closing ceremony

RACING RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: good to firm

2.00 (5f 6yd) 1, BRAVE EDGE (Pat Eddery, 4-1, Thunderer's nap); 2, Twice In Sundoran (L Newton, 5-1); 3, Harpo's Special (W Carson, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 9 Rocky Two (5th), 10 Indian Dreamer, 11 Roman Reed, 12 Window Display (4th), Charisma Girl, Admirabelle, 16 Name The Tune (6th), 25 Curbridge (l). 11 ran. 2½l, nk, 2½l, 4, 1l, R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £11.40. Trio: £18.00. CSF: £22.97. Tricast: £68.96.

2.35 (1m 14yd) 1, KASSBAAN (W R Swinburn, 9-1); 2, American Swinger (Paul Eddery, 15-2); 3, El Gisher (W Ryan, 10-1); 4, Marastani (J Reid, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 6 fav East Liberty, 8 Coneybury (5th), Mujaazalah, 10 Village Green, 12 Cathedralsdragon, 16 Natuik, The Little Ferret, Norfolk Hero, 20 King Paris (6th), Beauman, 25 Twice The Groom, 40 Silver Groom, 66 Saltous. 17 ran. ¾l, 1½l, ¾l, 1½l, 15l. A Scott at Newmarket. Tote: £8.70; £2.80, £1.90, £2.80, £5.70. DF: £56.30. Trio: £129.40. CSF: £70.04. Tricast: £638.98.

3.10 (1m 14yd) 1, LAP OF LUXURY (M Tebbutt, 20-1); 2, Reine De Neige (W R Swinburn, 8-1); 3, Queen's View (M Roberts, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Ghost Tree (5th), 9 Tahdid (4th), Ekoshe, 12 Instant Affair, 14 Soiree (6th), Moon Over Miami, 25 Sooty Swift, 33 Golden Guest, Guslinus. 12 ran. NR: Abbey's Gal, Dagny Juel. 1l, ¾l, 1½l, 4l, 2l, W Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £34.50; £4.90, £2.50, £1.60. DF: £146.10. Trio: £235.80. CSF: £157.02.

3.40 (7f 16yd) 1, ISLAND MAGIC (K Fallon, 2-1); 2, News And Echo (W R Swinburn, 85-40); 3, Governor George (L Dettori, 6-4 fav). 3 ran. NR: Sel Harbour. 2l, nk. Mrs L Piennadier at Thirsk. Tote: £2.90. DF: £2.40. CSF: £5.34.

4.10 (2m 78yd) 1, SUN GREBE (Pat Eddery, 9-2 fav); 2, Moldavi (W R Swinburn, 5-1); 3, Doyce (W Carson, 7-1); 4, Elegant King (L Dettori, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Peach Brandy (5th), 6 Bercham, 11 Chucklessone, 12 Touching Times (6th), 14 Princess David, 16 Child Star, 25 Fairy Washer, Hallow Fair, Fanatical, Concinnity, 33 Ghostly Glow, Pandy, 66 Where Are We, Fairgroundprincess. 18 ran. 4l, 3½l, 3l, 2l, 4l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £3.60; £2.00, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £8.50. Trio: £15.30. CSF: £25.83. Tricast: £146.44.

4.45 (1m 1f) 1, REGALSETT (J Reid, 5-1); 2, Prerogative (L Dettori, 7-1), 3, Erfking (M Roberts, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Deg Rak, 9 Rocky Two (5th), 5 Tomsk (4th), 8 Uny Uny Uny, 12 Fleshfest (6th), 20 Ivory Hutch, 40 Seattle Affair. 10 ran. 1½l, 1l, 3½l, ¾l, 5l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £7.60; £1.80, £2.60. £2.40. DF: £21.80. Trio: £223.00. CSF: £37.98. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

5.15 (5f 6yd) 1, EDUCATED PET (B Doyle, 10-1); 2, Jucea (Paul Eddery, 5-1); 3, Bodari (M Roberts, 9-2 f-fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 ‡-fav No Extras (4th), 11-2 Anagrove (5th), 8 Ballgey, 16 Vismotion (6th), Newbury Coat, 20 Coconut Johnny, 33 Purbeck Centenary, Roya Mead, Farmer Jock, Breezy Day. 13 ran. ¾l, ¾l, nk, 2½l, sh hd. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £9.80; £2.10, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £27.10. Trio: £27.00 CSF: £52.87. Tricast: £230.94.

Jackpot: not won (pool of $45,052.72 carried forward to Sandown Park today). Placepot: £207.50.

Chester

Going: good to soft

2.30 (1m 2f 75yd) 1, Heart Of Spain (D Griffiths, 15-2), 2, No Comebacks (8-1); 3, Without A Flag (8-1). Green's Cassat 5-1 fav. 12 ran. 1l, 1½l. P Bevan. Tote: £6.80; £2.40, £2.10, £2.90. DF: £27.50. Trio: £55.00. CSF: £62.81. Tricast: £456.25.

3.00 (7f 2yd) 1, King Curan (G Duffield, 100-30 ‡-fav); 2, Biggest Al Omor (10-1); 3, Jarrod's Way (100-30 ‡-fav). 14 ran. ¾l, 2l. M Bell. Tote: £5.60; £2.10, £2.70, £1.90. DF: £20.20. Trio: £80.00. CSF: £35.08.

3.30 (7f 2yd) 1, Corals Dream (W Woods, 10-1); 2 Thornton Gisp (6-1); 3, Marina Diver (9-1). Tyrian Purple 5-1 ‡-fav, 9 ran. NR: Dixieland Melody, Helios. 1l, 1l. C Wall. Tote: £13.30; £3.20, £2.30, £2.40. DF: £54.20 Trio: £145.20. CSF: £84.38. Tricast: £514.44.

4.00 (6f 18yd) 1, Bella Parlera (J Carroll, 4-1); 2, Indishra (3-1); 3, Star Speeder (7-4 fav). 4 ran. 3l, sh hd. J Berry. Tote: £4.80. DF: £5.50. CSF: £13.89.

4.30 (1m 7f 185yd) 1, Welshman (J Quinn, 9-1); 2, Aude La Belle (14-1); 3, Ashcayiad (15-2). Keyarba 11-2 fav. 15 ran. Hd, 1l. M Blanshard. Tote: £8.40; £2.60, £4.30, £3.70. DF: £88.10. Trio: £253.60. CSF: £124.36. Tricast: £922.85.

5.00 (712yd) 1, Paleogate Touch (J Carroll, 5-1 ‡-fav); 2, Truz Precision (7-1); 3, The Sharp Bidder (10-1). Yaqtnan 5-1 ‡-fav. 9 ran. NR: Fairy Story. 3½l, 5l. J Berry. Tote: £4.30; £1.60, £2.10, £2.00. DF: £13.10. Trio: £25.00. CSF: £35.33. Tricast: £300.95.

Placepot: £976.30.

Perth

Going: good to firm

2.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Martini Executive (A Maguire, 8-1); 2, Lady Donoghue (4-1 ‡-fav); 3, Truben (4-1 ‡-fav). 12 ran. 3½l, 7l. B Wilkinson. Tote: £5.50; £2.00, £1.20, £2.50. DF: £7.40. CSF: £40.66.

2.50 (2m ch) 1, Festbit (N Williamson, 1-3 fav); 2, Shrewd John (14-1); 3, The Rambling Man (10-1). 5 ran. 3l, 10l. K Bailey. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £3.20. DF: £3.70. CSF: £5.58.

3.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Nuns Jewel (R Farrant, 7-1); 2, Thanks (11-2); 3, Bay Tem (4-5 fav). 4 ran. ¼l, 15l. J Bradley. Tote: £8.00. DF: £11.80. CSF: £32.32.

3.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Charming Gale (P Williams, 4-1); 2, Clever Folly (6-4 fav); 3, Bartondale (16-1). 5 ran. ½l, 15l. Mrs S Bradburne. Tote: £8.30; £1.90, £1.10. DF: £2.80. CSF: £10.18.

4.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Moonshine Dancer (P Niven, 7-2); 2, Granderise (5-4 fav); 3, Are You Happy (12-1). 8 ran. NR: Astrac Trio 2l, 8l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £4.10; £1.70, £1.40. £2.90 DF: £4.50. CSF: £8.42.

4.50 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Topformer (C Grant, 6-1); 2, Luks Akura (11-8 fav); 3, Master Bosion (8-1). 5 ran. 10l, 30l. F Watson. Tote: £10.50; £3.20, £1.80. DF: £10.90 CSF: £14.73.

Placepot: £56.60.

Thursday's late details

Salisbury

Going: good to firm (firm in loop)

5.40 (6f) 1, Princely Favour (Wendy Jones, 9-1); 2, Counting Newmarket (16-1); 3, Walnut Burl (14-1). Double Shift 9-4 fav. 7 ran. Sh hd, nk. R Hannon. Tote: £8.10; £2.40, £4.80. DF: £81.50. CSF: £101.31.

6.10 (6f) 1, Canasta Dancer (D Holland, 11-4); 2, Calypso Monarch (5-2 fav); 3, Tattcost (16-1). 15 ran. NR: Clubs Are Trumps ¾l, 1l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £4.00; £2.00, £1.90, £3.50. DF: £3.00. CSF: £9.13.

6.40 (6f 212yd) 1, Joldat (J Williams, 11-8); 2, Mogwa (14-1); 3, Navaressque (14-1). 9 Old Comrades (13-2). Two Lumps 8-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Obsidian Gray. 2½l, 2l. W Jarvis. Tote: £11.40; £2.30, £6.00, £5.60. £2.30. DF: £95.90 Trio: £218 40. CSF: £142.89. Tricast: £1,955.49.

7.10 (5f) 1, Blue Siren (L Dettori, 8-15 fav); 2, Dollar Gamble (9-1); 3, Baskerville (J Reid, 6 ran. Hd, 2l. I Balding. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £2.30. DF: £3.80. CSF: £5.98.

7.40 (1m 6f) 1, Collier Bay (L Dettori, 6-5 fav); 2, Put Or Else (4-1); 3, Bohemian Girl (11-4). Quillon 15-8 fav. 10 ran. 3l, ¾l. J Gosden. Tote: £8.60; £2.20, £1.10, £1.90. DF: £21.50. CSF: £38.54.

8.10 (6f 212yd) 1, Lord Alfie (N Carlisle, 10-1); 2, Trooping (3-1 fav); 3, Grand Visopp (5-1); 4, Sir Oliver (20-1), 17 ran. Nk, 2l, ¾l. Meehan Tote: £12.00; £1.90, £1.50, £2.60. £3.50. DF: £21.10. Trio: £27.20. CSF: £40.76. Tricast: £220 89. Placepot: £166.80.

Solar W... RIPON ... TELETEXT ...

Lesser lights take centre stage at Sandown's celebrity fixture

Tebbutt times run to perfection

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

A GLITTERING cast of stars from stage and screen descended on Sandown yesterday but they ended up being eclipsed by two of the lesser lights from racing's weighing room.

Michael Tebbutt, a horseman to his fingertips but with only 13 victories to his name this season, produced Lap Of Luxury, a 20-1 shot, with a perfectly-timed run to win the listed Amazing Joseph Dream Mile.

Half-an-hour later, Kieran Fallon, a rare visitor to southern tracks, celebrated his riding debut at the Esher course with his first group success on the Lynda Ramsden-trained Island Magic in the three-runner Sunset Boulevard Solario Stakes.

Leaving aside the likelihood that this year's running of the group three race was not of the highest standard, the sponsors of the day's meeting, the Really Useful Group and Polydor Records, deserve top marks for the imaginative way they brought colour and crowd-pulling entertainment to one of the quieter days of the racing calendar.

Bombalurina, Victoria The White Cat and Switch, three of the feline stars of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's celebrated musical, were on hand to present the prize to the owner of Kassbaan, winner of the Cats 12th Year Stakes. Meanwhile, the Phantom of the Opera, in the shape of Peter Carrie, shimmered into sight for the staying race named after him, which was won by the John Dunlop-trained Sun Grebe.

The entertainment theme continues at Sandown today with the Variety Club's race day, but the tricky nature of the card suggests it will be bookmakers rather than punters who have the last laugh.

The televised races look particularly tricky and better chances are to be found in the three off-screen races. **Greenson** was heavily backed to win a seller at Leicester 12 days ago and looked handily weighted to follow up in the Butlin's Holidays Selling Nursery.

As often happens in races for amateur riders, there are few runners with a realistic chance and **River Boyne**, ridden by Amanda Harwood, must go well in the Vymura International Amateur Riders Stakes.

Tap On Air showed markedly improved form when chasing home Del Deya at Sandown last week and the Caerleon filly can go one better for Michael Stoute in the last race.

A low draw is usually advantageous over Ripon's straight course and despite a large field lining up for the Tote Great St Wilfrid Handicap, **For The Present**, twice a course and distance winner, looks to have a realistic chance.

Dick Hern's runners at Chester always deserve the closest attention, especially as the virus which has affected his string this season appears to be relaxing its grip. **Jasarah**, unfancied in the betting and not fully wound up on her debut behind Ghost Tree at Salisbury recently, looks certain to improve now that she tackles a longer trip in the Paradise Claiming Stakes. Lacotte, the likely favourite, has looked temperamentally suspect on her last two runs and Hern's runner can collect. **Three In One** has had the misfortune to come up against more than useful opposition in his two visits to the racecourse. After finishing a fine third to Unblest, who was subsequently narrowly beaten by Turtle Island in this week's Gimcrack Stakes at York, the Michael Stoute-runner was heavily backed to win at Ripon earlier this month. Unfortunately Roger Charlton decided to let loose another of his Beckhampton flyers and Three In One finished second best to Solar Wagon.

The four rivals he faces this afternoon in the Linenhall Stakes appear less formidable, and the Night Shift gelding can get his head in front at the third time of asking.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: JASARAH
(4.00 Chester)
Next best: Tap On Air
(5.20 Sandown)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Spirited challenge: the grey Lap Of Luxury, right, overhauling Reine De Neige at Sandown yesterday

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

SANDOWN PARK
C4

3.10: Reprehend should win this. He was swamped for speed behind impressive Salisbury scorer, Star Talent, but ran First Trump to 1½ lengths before that. The key to his chance today lies in his one-length defeat of stable companion, Bluegrass Prince, on his debut. The latter subsequently beat Classic Sky with Blaze Away well back in fourth.

3.40: Shikari's Son had Farfelu, Heavenly Risk, and Terrhars behind when second at Brighton earlier this month. He should confirm that form, even on these revised terms. Course and distance winners, Olifantsfontein and Magic Orb, are badly drawn, so **Resist The Force** can defy a long absence. This three-year-old showed good speed on his seasonal debut.

4.15: This might be on the short side for Rapporteur, who has been upped 6lb for his easy Lingfield victory. Belmoredean has not run for four months, but **Knock Knock**, a course and distance winner, returned to form at Ostend last time and looks reasonably handicapped. Jazilah has claims but has risen 4lb for his Magnet Cup third, while both Eden Close and Map Of Stars seem in the grip of the handicapper.

4.45: Sarawat, easy winner of the Ebor on Wednesday, has been found an attractive opportunity to follow up those gains. He acts on fast ground and a 4lb penalty should not stop him.

JULIAN MUSCAT

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER
2.05 Mr Rough
2.35 River Boyne
3.10 Reprehend
3.40 Terrhars
4.15 PIQUANT (nap)
4.45 Sarawat
5.20 Tap On Air

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.20 Tap On Air.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.20 TAP ON AIR.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.05 BUTLIN'S HOLIDAYS SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,900: 7f 16yd) (16 runners)

101 (13) 0322 PRINCESS CARMEN 15 (BF) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 9-7 B Raymond 88
102 (10) 02004 SHERIFF 31 (C Brown) J Hills 9-4 J Williams 93
103 (15) 035505 THORNY BISHOP 7 (B) (T Thom) J Bridger 9-3 S O'Gorman 88
104 (1) 00300 DOUBLE DANCER 15 (Mrs P Flodley & Mrs H Fearon) N Tinkler 9-2 G Duffield 86
105 (4) 003535 ERRIS BOY 15 (J Ruddy) R Williams 9-0 A Clark 95
106 (16) 3601 GREENSON 12 (F) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 8-13 T Quinn 98
107 (2) 250000 MARCH OF TIME 10 (Mrs D Barker) D Thom 8-13 D Holland 97
108 (14) 5480 KOONOONA LADY 21 (B) (Mrs A Hamilton) A Jarvis 8-13 B Doyle (3) 95
109 (11) 501308 BET A PLAN 8 (F) (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 8-12 D Harrison (3) 95
110 (3) 24383 MR ROUGH 15 (R Akehurst) D Morris 8-12 C Hodgson (3) [99]
111 (9) 6623 BROUGHTONS PARTNER 12 (B) (B Fulton) W Musson 8-11 D Biggs 93
112 (7) 300 SOUTHDOWN GIRL 26 (Mrs B Armstrong) P Butler 8-10 S Drowne (7) 88
113 (5) 504 WADDLE 17 (J Bull) M Tompkins 8-9 P Robinson 92
114 (8) 254210 NORTHERN BAILIWICK 10 (B,D,G) (Dr I Shenkin) M Usher 8-9 N Adams 93
115 (12) 080435 MIGHTY KINGDOM 11 (B) (J Purcell) R Spicer 8-8 A Mackay 95
116 (6) 440005 STRAPPED 21 (M Watson) M Channon 8-8 C Rutter 96

BETTING: 6-1 Thorny Bishop, 7-1 Greenson, Mr Rough, 8-1 Northern Bailiwick, 10-1 Mighty Kingdom, Sheriff, 12-1 Bet A Plan, Princess Carmen, 14-1 Erris Boy, Waddle, 16-1 others.

1992: YEVEED 8-8 J Williams (25-1) M H Easterby 15 ran

2.35 VYMURA INTERNATIONAL CONDITIONS STAKES
(Amateurs: £3,225: 1m 2f 7yd) (17 runners)

201 (17) 0-50000 STARLIGHT FLYER 5 (B,C,F,G,S) (T Waters) J Long 6-12-0 T Waters (4) –
202 (6) /0/006 DUNMAGLASS 11 (T Arnold) P Butler 6-11-8 M Mannish (4) 50
203 (8) 0002/ EASTERN EVENING 151J (Miss S West) J Long 8-11-8 J Poulton (4) –
204 (12) 10-0004 FORTUNE STAR 12 (S) (J Bridger) J Bridger 4-11-8 Miss M Bridger (4) 50
205 (3) 038132 GILDERDALE 12 (CD,F,G) (Abbott Racing Partners) J Hills 11-11-8 C Vigors 81
206 (9) /006/00 LAMBOURN RAJA 21 (G,S) (K Tork) J O'Donoghue 7-11-8 K Tork (4) –
207 (5) 4230-06 MILZIG 5 (D,G) (Mrs J Oleson) D Elsworth 4-11-8 Mrs P Nash 92
208 (15) 0003- SOROPTIMIST 355J (LEI (Bloodstock)) M Meade 4-11-3 Miss J Winter –
209 (11) 263032 CREDIT SQUEEZE 17 (BF,F) R J-Houghton 3-11-0 Miss E Johnson Houghton 84
210 (7) 2 HOME PARK 17 (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-11-0 Mrs M Cowdrey 90
211 (13) 00600 MELLERIO 33 (The K D T Partnership) G Lewis 3-11-0 K Santana 82
212 (16) 4-12 RIVER BOYNE 23 (D,BF,F) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-11-0 Miss A Harwood [99]
213 (4) 605121 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 11 (G) (Mrs H Chalko) S Dow 3-11-0 T Cuff 79
214 (14) TIME OF GRACE (J Blanchi) J McConnochie 3-11-0 E Tolhurst (4) –
215 (10) 00 BUY BY NIGHT 12 (J Bosley) J Bosley 3-10-9 Mrs S Bosley –
216 (2) D DIXIE DIAMOND 12 (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 3-10-9 Miss Harriet Glen –
217 (1) 0 MYJINKA 9 (Miss P Westbrook) J O'Donoghue 3-10-9 Miss K Martindale (4) –

BETTING: 6-4 River Boyne, 4-1 Home Park, 11-2 Gilderdale, 13-2 Credit Squeeze, 10-1 Sir Thomas Beecham, 16-1 Soroptimist, 20-1 others.

1992: PHARLY STORY 4-11-7 Mrs L Pearce (4-5 fav) M Pipe 10 ran

3.10 UNIFILLA CONDITIONS STAKES (C4)
(2-Y-O: £4,025: 1m 14yd) (6 runners)

301 (1) 31214 CLASSIC SKY 23 (F,G) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 9-3 B Raymond 93
302 (5) 241 BLAZE AWAY 15 (G) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-13 S O'Gorman 82
303 (2) 123 REPREHEND 9 (F) (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 8-13 T Quinn [99]
304 (3) 62421 SILVER WEDGE 49 (C,F) (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 8-13 G Duffield 88
305 (4) 4 LEAR DANCER 15 (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 8-11 M Roberts 79
306 (6) 1654 THREATENING 11 (G) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 8-8 G Bardwell 89

BETTING: 5-2 Reprehend, 4-1 Classic Sky, 9-2 Blaze Away, 5-1 Lear Dancer, Silver Wedge, 8-1 Threatening.

1992: SHARJAH 8-8 S Cauthen (8-1) M Jarvis 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLASSIC SKY 10l 4th of 6 to Mister Baileys in the group III Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good to soft).
BLAZE AWAY beat Roby Estate 4l in an 8-runner maiden at Southwell (7f, good). REPREHEND 1¾l last of 3 to Star Talent in a conditions race at Salisbury (7f, good).
SILVER WEDGE beat Blair Castle 1l in a 12-runner maiden here (7f, good to firm). LEAR DANCER 5¾l 4th of 15 to Hawker Hunter in a maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). THREATENING 4l 4th of 7 to Dance To The Top in a conditions race at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm).
Selection: SILVER WEDGE

3.40 COLOROLL RATED HANDICAP (C4)
(£5,750: 5f 6yd) (13 runners)

401 (11) 442301 GORINSKY 14 (D,F,G,S) (W Robertson) J Berry 5-9-7 T Quinn 95
402 (2) 0-50303 FARFELU 16 (V,CD,F,G) (J D'Malley) W Muir 6-9-3 D Holland 97
403 (6) 021120 BALLASECRET 21 (D,BF,F,G,S) (R Adams) R Dickin 5-9-2 A Procter (5) 94
404 (9) 663202 SHIKARI'S SON 16 (D,F,G) (A Spargo) J White 6-8-12 G Duffield [99]
405 (5) 0-16024 HEAVENLY RISK 16 (D,F,G) (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 3-8-12 Mark Denaro (7) 94
406 (1) 000056 BEAU VENTURE 19 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Stacey) F Lee 5-8-10 N Kennedy (3) 89
407 (13) 000064 TERRHARS 7 (CD,F,G) (H Barsbrook) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-10 M Roberts 94
408 (4) 31100-6 FANGIO 3 (D,F,G) (M Heygale-Browne) W Tomes 4-8-8 P McCabe (7) 86
409 (7) 46-2400 INHERENT MAGIC 9 (D,G) (Mrs S Stovold) M McCormack 4-8-8 A Clark 89
410 (10) 0-10000 OLIFANTSFONTEIN 49 (B,CD,F,G,S) (T Painting) R Sampson 5-8-7 B Raymond 95
411 (3) 020254 METAL BOYS 25 (D,F,G) (R Wilkinson) Miss L Siddall 6-8-7 D Harrison (3) 92
412 (8) 02-40 RESIST THE FORCE 120 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-6 D Biggs 86
413 (12) 116310 MAGIC ORB 22 (CD,F,G,S) (M Oldes) J Spearing 3-8-4 A Mackay 94

Long handicap: Olifantsfontein 8-6, Metal Boys 8-5, Magic Orb 8-2 (Minimum weight 4-Y-O+ 8-7, 3-Y-O 8-4).

BETTING: 11-2 Gorinsky, 6-1 Terrhars, 7-1 Ballasecret, 8-1 Farfelu, Shikari's Son, 10-1 Heavenly Risk, Magic Orb, Metal Boys, 14-1 Beau Venture, Fangio, 16-1 Inherent Magic, Resist The Force, 25-1 Olifantsfontein.

1992: GONE SAVAGE 4-9-1 Pat Eddery (7-1) G Balding 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

GORINSKY beat Stepanov 3l in a 14-runner handicap at Haydock (5f, good to soft).
BALLASECRET 2l 2nd of 12 to Bells of Longwick in a handicap over course and distance on penultimate start (soft), with METAL BOYS (1lb better off) 1¾l 5th.
SHIKARI'S SON short-head 2nd of 9 to Heaven-Liegh-Grey in a handicap at Brighton (5f 59yd, good to firm), with FARFELU (5lb better off) 4l 3rd, HEAVENLY RISK (4lb better off) 2½l 4th and TERRHARS (5lb better off) 2l 6th. MAGIC ORB beat Paddy Chalk ¾l in a 13-runner handicap over course and distance on penultimate start (good to firm), with OLIFANTSFONTEIN (12lb better off) 8¼l 13th.
Selection: MAGIC ORB

4.15 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP (C4)
(£4,515: 1m 2f 7yd) (14 runners)

501 (2) 0-20024 PIQUANT 26 (BF,F,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-11 D Harrison (3) 95
502 (14) 15-4004 NASHVILLE BLUES 17 (F,G) (Mrs S Basher) J Hills 4-9-10 J Williams 95
503 (1) 083166 VALLANCE 9 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 5-9-6 A Clark [99]
504 (9) 5000201 KNOCK KNOCK 13 (CD,F,G) (G Smart) I Balding 8-9-3 S O'Gorman 86
505 (5) 043334 MAP OF STARS 19 (V,BF) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-9-1 M Roberts 94
506 (7) 143233 JAZILAH 42 (D,F,G) (S Aitken) R Akehurst 5-9-1 T Quinn 91
507 (9) 300 KARSHI 21 (Lord Vestey) J Fanshawe 3-9-0 G Duffield 88
508 (8) 030-352 EDEN'S CLOSE 14 (F) (Mrs M Barwell) M Tompkins 4-8-13 P Robinson 95
509 (10) 45-1024 LET'S GET LOST 12 (BF,F) (A Shead) W Haggas 4-8-13 N Day 96
510 (4) 000145 LOBILIO 20 (V,C,D,BF,F,G) (Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-8-9 B Doyle (3) 98
511 (12) 3-66111 BELMOREDEAN 124 (D,F,G) (F Honour) R O'Sullivan 8-8-8 D Biggs 96
512 (6) 406004 ABERDEEN HEATHER 20 (D,G) (Major H Cayzer) D Elsworth 3-8-4 A Mackay 95
513 (11) 100431 RAPPORTEUR 7 (D,F,G) (R Benson) C Elsey 7-8-3 D Holland 90
514 (13) 404404 WHATEVER'S RIGHT 8 (M Thurgood) M Usher 4-7-8 N Adams 95

BETTING: 4-1 Jazilah, 6-1 Knock Knock, 9-1 Eden's Close, Let's Get Lost, Piquant, 10-1 Map Of Stars, Nashville Blues, 14-1 Lobilio, Rapporteur, 16-1 others.

1992: VALLEY OF FIRE 3-8-7 M Roberts (7-1) J Fanshawe 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

PIQUANT 1¾l 4th of 11 to Ibtiraz in a handicap at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). NASHVILLE BLUES 2½l 4th of 5 to Lap of Luxury in a handicap at Pontefract (1m, good to firm). KNOCK KNOCK beat Lazy Mood ½l in an 11-runner conditions race at Ostend (1m 3f, good). MAP OF STARS 4l 4th of 10 to Silverlocks in a handicap at Ripon (1m 1f, good to firm).
JAZILAH 3l 3rd of 13 to Baron Ferdinand in a handicap at York (1m 2f 110yd, good to firm), with LET'S GET LOST (3lb better off) 6¾l 7th. EDEN'S CLOSE head 2nd of 10 to Arkaan in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). BELMOREDEAN beat Buddy's Friend ½l in a 17-runner handicap at Brighton (1m, good). RAPPORTEUR beat Aremef 5l in an 8-runner handicap at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good).
Selection: JAZILAH

4.45 TEXAS HOMECARE HANDICAP (C4)
(£3,870: 1m 6f) (11 runners)

601 (11) 101143 MOONLIGHT QUEST 24 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs J Lamb) B Hanbury 5-10-0 D Harrison (3) 88
602 (3) 1-04007 SARAWAT 3 (D,F,G) (S Aitken) R Akehurst 5-9-10 (4ex) T Quinn [99]
603 (5) 03063 MAD CASANOVA 8 (B) (M Marchant) R O'Sullivan 8-8-11 D Biggs 90
604 (1) 080610 HILL OF DREAMS 22 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-8-11 S O'Gorman 92
605 (2) 080043 ACROBATE 23 (G) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 4-8-10 A Mackay 87
606 (9) 0-32412 LAKE POOPO 52 (S) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-9 D Holland 86
607 (6) 001342 HOOSIE 11 (D,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) C Brittain 3-8-9 M Roberts 91
608 (4) 00-64 WINGS COVE 12 (E Cohen) Lady Herries 3-8-6 J Williams 86
609 (7) 0300-40 ABSENT RELATIVE 101 (Mrs J Froome) Miss B Sanders 5-8-3 A Clark 84
610 (8) 4-31220 KARAMOJA 137 (G,S) (P Jacobs) N Graham 4-8-2 G Duffield 84
611 (10) 1/000-65 WEDNESDAYS AUCTION 15J (B) (Chesside Racing) R Rowe 5-7-7 N Adams 81

Long handicap: Wednesdays Auction 7-3.

BETTING: 7-4 Sarawat, 6-1 Karamoja, 8-1 Hoosie, Wings Cove, 10-1 Hill Of Dreams, Lake Poopo, 12-1 Mad Casanova, 16-1 Acrobate, 20-1 others.

1992: MAJESTIC IMAGE 6-8-8 D Harrison (7-2) Lord Huntingdon 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

MOONLIGHT QUEST 5l 3rd of 7 to Much Sought After in a handicap at Leicester (1m 4f, good).
SARAWAT beat Oh So Risky 2½l in the 21-runner Ebor Handicap at York (1m 6f, good).
HILL OF DREAMS beat Harlestone Brook ½l in a 5-runner handicap at Bath on penultimate start (1m 5f, firm).
ACROBATE about 11 3rd of 13 to Supreme Master in a handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, good). LAKE POOPO ¾l 2nd of 6 to Prince Hannibal in a handicap at Warwick (1m 4f 115yd, firm). HOOSIE 4l 2nd of 7 to Farmer's Pet in a handicap at Yarmouth (1m 6f, good to firm). WINGS COVE 7l 4th of 10 to Santana Lady in an apprentices' handicap at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: SARAWAT (nap)

5.20 VARIETY CLUB CHILDRENS CHARITY MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,545: 1m 14yd) (13 runners)

1 (3) 00 AMY COME HOME 21 (W Gimzel) P Murphy 8-11 NON-RUNNER –
2 (12) BADRAH (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 8-11 A Clark –
3 (7) 605205 BOBBIE DEE 9 (Mrs N Duffield) D Elsworth 8-11 T Quinn 89
4 (11) 30 EMMA WOODFORD 28 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-11 N Adams 79
5 (13) 8 JAVA QUEEN 157 (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11 S O'Gorman –
6 (4) 4 KEYLOCK 80 (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 8-11 J Williams 71
7 (2) 4 KOSATA 42 (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11 D Holland 80
8 (10) 5 LA SPEZIA 16 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 G Duffield 74
9 (9) 6- POCKET PIECE 336 (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 K Fallon 63
10 (1) 5-0 RISK THE WITCH 80 (Mrs C Tribe) R Williams 8-11 L Newton (5) –
11 (8) 02 TAP ON AIR 10 (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 M Roberts [99]
12 (6) 0 TOUCHEE BOUCHEE 9 (Mrs M Dell) M Channon 8-11 C Rutter –
13 (5) 0-0 ZANZE 110 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 B Crossley –

BETTING: 11-8 Tap On Air, 6-1 Bobbie Dee, 13-2 La Spezia, 10-1 Badrah, 12-1 Kosata, 14-1 Java Queen, 16-1 Zanze, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Gosden	16	61	26.2	M Roberts	40	238	16.8
N Graham	3	14	21.4	T Quinn	25	163	15.3
G Harwood	18	88	20.5	D Biggs	5	37	13.5
R Simpson	6	31	19.4	G Duffield	9	69	13.0
J Fanshawe	8	42	19.0	D Harrison	7	60	11.7
W Hern	8	46	17.4	D Holland	7	65	10.8

Solar Wagon faces difficult task

THE Roger Charlton-trained Solar Wagon, a Ripon maiden winner, takes a big step up in class tomorrow to tackle the group one Prix Morny at Deauville.

He has seven rivals, including impressive Prix Robert Papin winner Psychobabble, trained by Criquette Head, and Francois Boutin's promising juvenile Coup de Genie.

Walter Swinburn teams up with Michael Stoute's Zinaad, who has six opponents in the supporting group two Prix Kergorlay.

Richard Hannon mounts a three-pronged assault on Deauville today. Lucky Lindy faces four rivals, including Paul Cole's Half A Tick, in the Prix Gontaut-Biron. Dana Springs runs in the Piaget d'Or and Bearall tackles the Challenge d'Or Piaget.

Hannon's two-year-old is one of three British runners. Lanfranco Dettori rides Gavin Pritchard-Gordon's Prince Babar and Cole saddles The Chairman (Alan Munro).

RIPON

THUNDERER
2.15 Sinners Reprieve. 2.45 Batabanoo. 3.15 Hard To Figure. 3.50 Diamond Panther. 4.25 Tajhiz. 4.55 Boldville Bash.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 KNARESBOROUGH CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,552: 6f) (8 runners)

1 1600 BANDON CASTLE 10 (F) B Rothwell 9-3 J Quinn 1
2 1443 MISTER BLOY 39 (S) J Berry 9-3 L Charnock 3
3 21 PRIZEFIGHTER 40 (F) T Barron 9-1 K Darley 4
4 3413 MISTER BEAT 11 (D,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-13 R Cochrane 8
5 13 KNAYTON LASS 21 (BF,F) M W Easterby 8-12 T Lucas 7
6 31 LITTLE BEAUT 24 (D,G) S Woods 8-12 W Woods 2
7 1222 SINNERS REPRIEVE 71 (G) M H Easterby 8-12 M Birch 5
8 1325 RANDONNEUR 10 (F,G) E Weymes 8-10 G Hind 6

3-1 Sinners Reprieve, 4-1 Prizefighter, 5-1 Little Beaut, 11-2 Knayton Lass, 6-1 Mister Beat, 8-1 Mister Bloy, 10-1 Bandon Castle, 14-1 Randonneur.

2.45 BILLY NEVETT MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP
(£4,207: 1m 4f 60yd) (12)

1 -311 BATABANOO 5 (C,D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-12 K Darley 12
2 0513 ALDERNEY PRINCE 7 (F) P Leach 3-9-7 S Whitworth 10
3 -000 HARPOON LOUIE 7 (F) M H Easterby 3-9-3 M Birch 4
4 1135 MISBELIEF 21 (F) J Fanshawe 3-9-3 M Hills 3
5 3322 NAWAHIL 22 A Stewart 3-9-3 R Hills 7
6 0342 FIRST BID 11 (D,BF,F,S) R Whitaker 6-9-2 A Culhane 2
7 0442 BARRATRY 12 (B) H Cecil 3-9-0 A McGlone 1
8 3233 SUGEMAR 35 (D,F,G) M Chapman 7-8-10 D McCabe (5) 5
9 6303 ARGYLE CAVALIER 15 (S) F Lee 3-8-8 R Cochrane 8
10 1566 MINGUS 32 (D,F,S) R Fisher 6-7-8 J Lowe 6
11 0-04 FREE TRANSFER 152J G Moore 4-7-7 J Fanning 11
12 0-00 DEMOKOS 143 (D,F,G) J Carr 8-7-7 J Quinn 9

5-1 First Bid, 11-2 Batabanoo, 6-1 Sugemar, 7-1 Alderney Prince, Argyle Cavalier, 8-1 Barratry, Misbelief, 10-1 Nawahil, 14-1 Harpoon Louie, Mingus, 20-1 others.

3.15 TOTE GREAT ST WILFRID HANDICAP
(£16,165: 6f) (23)

1 1011 EVERGLADES 19 (CD,F,G) R Charlton 5-9-12 R Cochrane 12
2 0602 HARD TO FIGURE 21 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 7-9-10 S Drowne (7) 23
3 13-0 POKER CHIP 13 (F,G) I Balding 3-9-7 M Hills 21
4 5044 MASTER OF PASSION 21 (D,F,G) J Eustace 4-9-6 M Tebbutt 18
5 3130 MASTER PLANNER 4 (D,F,G) C Cyzer 4-9-4 J D Smith (7) 16
6 0310 NAGIDA 21 (D,BF,G,S) J Toller 4-9-3 J Weaver 11
7 5-20 REALITIES 14 (D,G) G Harwood 3-9-3 R Hills 7
8 0060 AMRON 21 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 6-9-1 N Carlisle 17
9 5000 RED ROSEIN 35 (CD,F,G) J H Wilson 7-8-9 A Culhane 22
10 6010 CATHERINES WELL 28 (CD,F,G,S) M W Easterby 10-8-9 T Lucas 19
11 3614 FINJAN 19 (D,F) M Wane 6-8-8 V Halliday (7) 3
12 0003 EURO FESTIVAL 19 (D,F,G) Miss L Siddall 4-8-7 A McGlone 20
13 1111 SAMSOLOM 15 (D,F,G) P Howling 5-8-7 J Quinn 15
14 1012 FOR THE PRESENT 35 (CD,F,G) T Barron 3-8-6 K Darley 6
15 2220 DRUM SERGEANT 9 (B,D,F,S) J Parkes 6-8-4 S Whitworth 4
16 2030 SHE'S SMART 9 (V,C,F) M H Easterby 5-8-3 M Birch 10
17 4125 FACE NORTH 14 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 5-7-13 B Russell (5) 1
18 0025 BALLAD DANCER 14 (C,D,F,G,S) P Calver 8-7-12 J Fanning 8
19 1430 EWALD 28 (F,G) M Johnston 5-7-12 A Garth (5) 9
20 3321 SENSE OF PRIORITY 10 (F) M H Easterby 4-7-9 L Charnock 14
21 4020 TARNSIDE ROSAL 18 (D,F,G) J Etherington 3-7-9 Dale Gibson 5
22 0-50 KIMBERLEY PARK 21 (B,G) D Arbuthnot 5-7-7 J Lowe 2
23 4132 FORMIDABLE LIZ 24 (D,BF,F) M Hammond 3-7-7 N Varley (7) 13

☐ The trainer states that Master Planner will not run if there is overnight rain

9-1 Everglades, 11-1 For The Present, 10-1 Face North, Hard To Figure, 12-1 Samsolom, 14-1 Euro Festival, Nagida, Poker Chip, 16-1 others.

3.50 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES
(Qualifier: 2-Y-O: £3,435: 5f) (9)

1 DIAMOND PANTHER T Barron 8-13 K Darley 9
2 POWER SHARE R Whitaker 8-9 Dale Gibson 1
3 LINCOLN TREASURE M Chapman 8-7 D McCabe (5) 5
4 60 MON ROUGE 39 R Boss 8-6 W Woods 6
5 MR B REASONABLE W Musson 8-6 D McCabe (5) 3
6 4 NAPOLEON STAR 17 M Saunders 8-6 G Hind 8
7 55 ELUNED MAY 44 R Whitaker 8-3 A Culhane 2
8 084 SHARP SUMMIT 71 B Rothwell 8-1 J Quinn 7
9 4263 THREE OF HEARTS 15 J Eyre 8-1 L Charnock 4

5-2 Napoleon Star, 3-1 Diamond Panther, 9-2 Three Of Hearts, 6-1 Mon Rouge, 7-1 Eluned May, 10-1 Sharp Summit, 12-1 Power Share, 16-1 others.

4.25 BOROUGHBRIDGE MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,757: 1m) (15)

1 00 STORM VIXEN 7 C Tinkler 4-8-13 M Wood 4
2 CHIPALA T Donnelly 3-8-12 D McCabe (5) 11
3 0-4 DO TELL 24 T Donnelly 3-8-12 J Lowe 6
4 FLINTLOCK J Gosden 3-8-12 J Weaver 15
5 GAYADD R Hollinshead 3-8-12 A Garth (5) 2
6 04 JASPER ONE 17 R Woodhouse 3-8-12 N Connorton 3
7 23 MAKIN 16 W Hern 3-8-12 R Hills 13
8 0-0 PINK CITY 229 J Balding 3-8-12 J Edmunds (7) 14
9 00 SILK ISLAND 12 J Gosden 3-8-12 J Quinn 5
10 2- TAJHIZ 302 J Gosden 3-8-12 G Hind 8
11 5 WORDS OF WISDOM 12 C Cyzer 3-8-12 M Wigham 12
12 08 CAMBARA 12 M Stoute 3-8-7 M Hills 10
13 00 ELTARA 21 W Jarvis 3-8-7 M Tebbutt 9
14 005 WANNABE 21 L Cumani 3-8-7 R Cochrane 1
15 05 WARM TOES 36 J Bethell 3-8-7 K Stead (7) 7

3-1 Makin, 7-2 Cambara, 5-1 Tajhiz, 6-1 Wannabe, 7-1 Words Of Wisdom, 8-1 Eltara, 10-1 Silk Island, 14-1 Flintlock, 20-1 others.

4.55 HARROGATE HANDICAP (£4,305: 1m 2f) (18)

1 1343 SOVEREIGN PAGE 12 (CD,F,G) B Hanbury 4-9-12 M Tebbutt 8
2 5-43 ARAK 19 (D,F) M Johnston 5-9-7 T Williams 16
3 2422 JUBRAN 7 (C,F,G) M Johnston 7-9-7 A Garth (5) 18
4 -452 BAMBURGH 56 (V) M Stoute 3-9-5 R Hills 13
5 2120 STORM VENTURE 22 (D,F) W Jarvis 3-9-2 R Cochrane 15
6 5232 AJMAAN 21 A Stewart 3-9-1 S Whitworth 3
7 2545 SUPERTOP 20 (D,F,G) P Harris 5-9-0 G Hind 12
8 1010 DUVEEN 22 (CD,F,G,S) M Bell 3-9-0 M Fenton (5) 5
9 3050 WESTHOLME 15 (D,F,S) M H Easterby 5-9-0 M Birch 7
10 006/ TAPATCH 91J (F) G Moore 5-9-0 J Fanning 9
11 0650 MHEMEANLES 35 (F,G,S) M H Easterby 3-8-13 T Lucas 17
12 1060 TRIPPIANO 56 (F) H Cecil 3-8-12 A McGlone 1
13 50-0 FLOATING LINE 7 (D,F,S) P Wigham 5-8-10 M Wigham 14
14 6211 MAY HILLS LEGACY 14 (D,G,S) D Arbuthnot 4-8-9 M Hills 6
15 1-00 BOLDVILLE BASH 12 (B,S) T Barron 3-8-8 K Darley 10
16 6215 DARING PAST 14 (B,D,G) R Boss 3-8-5 W Woods 11
17 4022 RED INDIAN 8 (D,F,G) W Haigh 7-7-8 Dale Gibson 4
18 4213 MASTER'S CROWN 197 (BF,G) M Chapman 5-7-7 J Quinn 2

6-1 May Hills Legacy, 13-2 Red Indian, Sovereign Page, 7-1 Ajmaan, 8-1 Arak, Jubran, 10-1 Bamburgh, Master's Crown, 14-1 Boldville Bash, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 22 winners from 40 runners, 55.0%; G Harwood, 3 from 8, 37.5%; L Cumani, 8 from 26, 28.6%; M Stoute, 11 from 40, 27.5%; J Gosden, 9 from 34, 26.5%; A Stewart, 5 from 21, 23.8%.

JOCKEYS: M Hills, 5 winners from 29 rides, 17.2%; R Cochrane, 8 from 47, 17.0%, K Darley, 25 from 153, 16.3%; M Birch, 23 from 186, 12.4%; N Connorton, 11 from 99, 11.1%. (Only qualifiers)

Racing next week

MONDAY: Nottingham, Hexham. TUESDAY: Brighton, Pontefract. WEDNESDAY: Brighton, Redcar, Exeter. THURSDAY: Edinburgh, Lingfield Park, Worcester. FRIDAY: Goodwood, Newmarket, Thirsk. SATURDAY: Goodwood, Newmarket, Newcastle, †Windsor, Cartmel, †Hereford.
(Flat meetings in bold †Denotes evening fixture)

CHESTER

THUNDERER
2.00 Selhurstpark Flyer. 2.30 Tuscan Dawn. 3.00 Lord Oberon. 3.30 Azhar. 4.00 Jasarah. 4.30 Indefence. 5.00 Kerkura.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 Farmer's Pet. 5.00 KERKURA (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 LINENHALL CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,914: 6f 18yd) (5 runners)

1 0111 SELHURSTPARK FLYER 17 (F,S) J Berry 9-4 J Carroll 3
2 162 BALANDRA BAY 42 (G) R Hannon 8-12 Pat Eddery 1
3 631 BALLAH SHACK 57 (F) G Lewis 8-10 Paul Eddery 4
4 523 GONE TO POT 56 (S,BF) R Johnson Houghton 8-10 W Ryan 2
5 34 THREE IN ONE 19 (BF) M Stoute 8-10 W Carson 5

2-1 Selhurstpark Flyer, 5-2 Balandra Bay, 3-1 Three In One, 6-1 Ballah Shack, 8-1 Gone To Pot.

2.30 ROWTON MOOR HANDICAP
(£7,304: 5f 16yd) (12)

1 5211 TUSCAN DAWN 12 (D,G,S) J Berry 3-10-0 P Roberts (7) 8
2 0330 MACFARLANE 4 (CD,G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 5-9-6 F Norton 4
3 0506 CRYSTAL JACK 6 (CD,F,G,S) F Lee 5-9-3 S Perks 6
4 0000 LOVE LEGEND 9 (CD,F,G) D Arbuthnot 8-9-0 Paul Eddery 10
5 1582 LITTLE SABOTEUR 24 (D,G,S) P Makin 4-9-0 Pat Eddery 2
6 0028 PENNY HASSET 7 (D,BF,F,G,S) M W Easterby 5-8-13 W Carson 3
7 3265 LOCAL HEROINE 15 (CD,F) J Berry 3-8-12 J Carroll 1
8 0031 MY ABBEY 29 (CD,F) E Alston 4-8-9 S Maloney (3) 7
9 5036 SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 15 (B,D,G) R Hollinshead 5-8-3 W Ryan 9
10 2651 JESS REBEC 11 (D,F) J Banks 5-8-3 Stephen Davies (5) 5
11 3550 SIR TASKER 9 (D,F,G) J Harris 5-8-0 D Wright (5) 12
12 2214 KABCAST 9 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) D Chapman 8-7-13 S Wood 11

5-1 My Abbey, 6-1 Tuscan Dawn, 7-1 Crystal Jack, Jess Rebec, 8-1 Penny Hasset, 10-1 Little Saboteur, Kabcast, Macfarlane, 12-1 others.

3.00 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES
(Handicap: £8,155: 7f 122yd) (12)

1 5500 TISSISAT 14 (V,F,G) I Balding 4-9-13 Pat Eddery 1
2 0124 MOON SPIN 9 (F,G) W Hern 4-9-8 Paul Eddery 11
3 4143 BOLD ANGEL 14 (CD,F,S) M H Easterby 6-9-5 S Maloney (3) 10
4 2150 WISHAM 7 (B,D,G) B Hanbury 3-9-4 NON-RUNNER 12
5 1602 MENTALASANYTHIN 5 (G,S) A Bailey 4-8-12 O Pears (3) 3
6 6163 HUNTERS OF BRORA 23 (D,S) J Bethell 3-8-10 W Carson 5
7 2130 LORD OBERON 9 (V,BF,F,G) J Akehurst 5-8-10 F Norton 8
8 4-40 SUIVEZ 35 C Britain 3-8-9 J Carroll 4
9 6000 GREEK GOLD 50 (C,G) J Glover 4-8-9 S D Williams (3) 2
10 2423 WATERLORD 8 M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-1 Stephen Davies (5) 6
11 1652 KUMMEL KING 14 (D,F,G) E Alston 5-7-11 D Wright (5) 7
12 3084 THEMAAM 8 (G) T Thomson Jones 4-7-7 S Wood 9

4-1 Moon Spin, 5-1 Lord Oberon, 6-1 Mentalasanythin, 7-1 Bold Angel, 8-1 Tissisat, 10-1 Hunters Of Brora, Kummel King, 14-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Sandown Park: 2.05 Koonoona Lady, Broughtons Partner. 4.15 Map Of Stars. Chester: 2.00 Gone To Pot. 3.00 Tissisat, Wisham. Ripon: 3.15 Kimberley Park. 4.55 Bamburgh

3.30 CHESTER RATED HANDICAP
(Listed race: £12,511: 1m 5f 89yd) (8)

1 3-53 MICHELOZZO 35 (D,F,G,S) R Hannon 7-9-7 S Raymont 2
2 28-1 URGENT REQUEST 45 (F,S) B Hills 3-9-5 Pat Eddery 1
3 1113 AZHAR 43 (F,G,S) M Stoute 3-8-13 Paul Eddery 8
4 -420 ANCHORITE 22 (F) P Walwyn 4-9-1 J Carroll 6
5 1411 FARMER'S PET 11 (F,G,S) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-8-10 W Carson 7
6 4604 STAR PLAYER 14 (C,F,G) R Baker 7-8-7 F Norton 3
7 2212 NASSMA 28 (G) J Fanshawe 3-8-3 W Ryan 5
8 -000 HEATHYARDS BOY 74 (C,S) R Hollinshead 3-7-10 M Humphries 4

3-1 Azhar, 7-2 Nassma, 4-1 Urgent Request, 5-1 Farmer's Pet, 8-1 Anchorite, 10-1 Michelozzo, Star Player, 25-1 Heathyards Boy.

4.00 PARADISE MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,305: 7f 2yd) (9)

1 5 DESERT GREEN 30 M Stoute 4-9-4 P D'Arcy 7
2 0- BOLD STAR 385 R Hollinshead 3-8-13 S Perks 8
3 -222 LACOTTE 29 J Gosden 3-8-13 Pat Eddery 6
4 6- VIRILIS 324 C Brittain 3-8-13 W Ryan 9
5 2 JASARAH 9 W Hern 3-8-8 W Carson 4
6 0 NAFHAA 91 R Armstrong 3-8-8 R Price 6
7 0-0 NAWAAYA 10 A Scott 3-8-8 J Tate (5) 5
8 5350 TRANQUIL LADY 29 E Alston 3-8-8 Stephen Davies (5) 1
9 46 WILLOW RIVER 15 J Gosden 3-8-8 J Carroll 2

6-4 Jasarah, 7-4 Lacotte, 8-1 Desert Green, 10-1 Willow River, 12-1 others.

4.30 LEVY BOARD NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £5,526: 7f 2yd) (10)

1 322 LINK MILES 26 (BF) R Hannon 9-7 W Ryan 6
2 3423 NORTHERN CELADON 18 M Jarvis 9-5 K Rutter (5) 5
3 2321 INDEFENCE 7 (D,G) M Channon 9-2 Pat Eddery 8
4 420 MICHELLISA 54 (BF) J Bethell 8-13 W Carson 1
5 530 MONKEY MAGIC 106 J Berry 8-12 J Carroll 10
6 2081 HILL FARM KATIE 107 (G) P Evans 8-9 Paul Eddery 3
7 0820 NOT FOR JOE 7 W Muir 8-9 A Tucker 4
8 3150 HALI 22 (G) Mrs N Macauley 8-7 F Norton 7
9 0033 TIMES ZANDO 54 Capt J Wilson 8-5 D Wright (5) 2
10 0501 HEATHYARDS CRUSADE 38 (G) R Hollinshead 8-1 M Humphries (7) 9

3-1 Indefence, 9-2 Link Miles, 5-1 Northern Celadon, 7-1 Hali, 8-1 Times Zando, Heathyards Crusade, 12-1 Monkey Magic, Not For Joe, 14-1 others.

5.00 ROUGE ROSE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,402: 1m 4f 66yd) (10)

1 -550 ANNYBAN 8 R Hollinshead 8-11 S Perks 8
2 3-42 BAWAETH 46 (BF) B Hills 8-11 W Carson 7
3 ELATIS J Gosden 8-11 J Carroll 2
4 0 FIDA 21 W Hern 8-11 P D'Arcy 5
5 0-5 KARDELLE 85 R Charlton 8-11 T Sprake 3
6 22 KERKURA 14 H Cecil 8-11 W Ryan 9
7 0 NAVAJO LOVE SONG 10 W Hern 8-11 Paul Eddery 10
8 5436 RANI 38 C Brittain 8-11 Pat Eddery 8
9 6020 SING A RAINBOW 31 (BF) M Channon 8-11 F Norton 1
10 0 TOKYO 21 M Stoute 8-11 J Tate (5) 4

4-5 Kerkura, 9-2 Bawaeth, 7-1 Rani, 10-1 Kardelle, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Lewis, 5 winners from 12 runners, 41.7%; H Cecil, 11 from 32, 34.4%; B Hills, 21 from 75, 28.0%; J Bethell, 3 from 11, 27.3%; J Gosden, 12 from 45, 26.7%; B Hanbury, 7 from 27, 25.9%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 24 winners from 83 rides, 28.9%; D Wright, 4 from 14, 28.6%; Paul Eddery, 9 from 52, 17.3%; W Carson, 10 from 75, 13.3%; S Perks, 7 from 54, 13%; W Ryan, 6 from 47, 12.8%.

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2.20 Bonus Point. 2.50 Sonsie Mo. 3.20 King William. 3.50 Valiant Warrior. 4.20 Explosive Speed. 4.50 Nuns Jewel.

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2.20 GLENISLA JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £2,165: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

1 BONUS POINT 14F Mrs M Reveley 10-12 P Niven
2 CONTRACT ELITE 16F C Thornton 10-12 D Wilkinson
3 PEEDIE PEAT 23F J J O'Neill 10-12 M Dwyer
4 PHILNIC 14F M Hammond 10-12 C Grant
5 TAYBRIDGE TOSH T Dyer 10-12 P Harley
6 TOM THE TANK 303F N Tinkler 10-12 G McCourt
7 3 ARE YOU HAPPY 1 J Upson 10-7 R Supple
8 BRANCEPETH BELLE N Mason 10-7 J Supple (7)
9 FLORA LADY W Kemp 10-7 K Jones
10 GLINT OF AYR 14F R Goldie 10-7 K Johnson

5-2 Bonus Point, 3-1 Contract Elite, 9-2 Philnic, 7-1 Peedie Peat, Are You Happy, 10-1 Tom The Tank, 14-1 others.

2.50 JAMES HALSTEAD CLAIMING CHASE
(£2,723: 2m) (6)

1 0-11 FASTBIT 1 (D,F) K Bailey 8-11-13 N Williamson
2 31U- SONSIE MO 84 (D,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-3 P Williams (5)
3 40-2 GLASS MOUNTAIN 10 (B,C,F,G) J White 11-10-11 A Maguire
4 P6/2- PRESSURE GAME 364 (D,F) B Mactaggart 10-10-11 B Storey
5 0P0- CLONADRUM 257 (G) T Dyer 9-10-9 A Linton (7)
6 P-44 DARK DEEP DAWN 1 J Upson 6-10-8 R Supple

4-5 Fastbit, 3-1 Glass Mountain, 7-2 Sonsie Mo, 8-1 Dark Deep Dawn, 16-1 Pressure Game, 33-1 Clonadrum.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Tinkler, 9 winners from 21 runners, 42.9%; Mrs M Reveley, 11 from 28, 39.3%; M Hammond, 12 from 44, 27.3%, K Bailey, 3 from 11, 27.3%, J J O'Neill, 6 from 50, 12.0%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 18 winners from 61 rides, 29.5%; G McCourt, 15 from 56, 26.8%; M Dwyer, 20 from 79, 25.3%; C Grant, 14 from 84, 16.7%; K Johnson, 6 from 36, 16.7%; R Hodge, 4 from 27, 14.8%.

3.20 SCOTTISH RACING CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,190: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 F50- SRIVIJAYA 11F (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-10 P Niven
2 564- KING WILLIAM 10F (D,F) J Spearing 8-11-3 A Maguire
3 124- KALKO 17F (D,G) M Hammond 4-11-2 C Grant
4 312- BEAUCADEAU 84 (D,F) M Barnes 7-11-1 A Dobbin (3)
5 4344/ HEIR OF EXCITEMENT 59F (V,CD,G) A Stringer 8-10-3 R Dunwoody
6 641- HAZEL LEAF 100 (CD,S) R McDonald 7-10-0 R Hodge
7 15/6/ DOCTOR'S REMEDY 68F (D,G) Mrs J Jordan 7-10-0 D Morris

2-1 Kalko, 11-4 Srivijaya, 9-2 King William, 6-1 Beaucadeau, 10-1 Hazel Leaf, 12-1 Heir Of Excitement, Doctor's Remedy.

3.50 POLYFLOR NOVICES CHASE
(£2,671: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 P-11 PEARLS BEAU 10 (F) J Jenkins 6-12-0 S Smith Eccles
2 /0-2 CAMAN 7 B Rothwell 6-11-0 G McCourt
3 SUPP/ SECOND ATTEMPT 502 B Mactaggart 9-11-0 B Storey
4 166- VALIANT WARRIOR 11F (F) M Hammond 5-10-10 C Grant

4-6 Pearls Beau, 3-1 Valiant Warrior, 4-1 Caman, 10-1 Second Attempt.

4.20 CRAIGVINEAN CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,892: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 6226- EXPLOSIVE SPEED 54F (D,F,G) M Hammond 5-11-9 D Bentley (5)
2 050- FLING IN SPRING 29F Mrs S Bradburne 7-11-9 P Williams (5)
3 PP20- BLACKDOWN 21F (D,F) T Dyer 6-11-3 P Harley
4 05-0 STYLISH GENT 14 (D,F,G) J Birkett 6-11-0 A Jones
5 P0P- TREASURE BEACH 5F K Lisson 4-10-5 A Linton (7)
6 06/5- MARIAN EVANS 58F T Craig 6-10-3 F Perratt (7)

4-5 Explosive Speed, 2-1 Blackdown, 5-2 Fling In Spring, 16-1 others.

4.50 ERROCHTY AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,179: 3m 110yd) (4)

1 03F- OFF THE BRU 82 (F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-10 J Bradburne (5)
2 61-4 TRONCHETTO 1 (B,F) J J O'Neill 4-11-3 S Swiers
3 -141 NUNS JEWEL 1 (F,G) J Bradley 7-11-1 (6ex) G Lewis (7)
4 331- AS D'EBOLI 11F (F) M Hammond 6-10-6 C Bonner (7)

5-4 Nuns Jewel, 7-4 As D'Eboli, 7-2 Tronchetto, 8-2 Off The Bru.

☐ Richard Dunwoody was suspended for three days (August 29-31 inclusive) for misuse of the whip on Clever Folly at Perth yesterday.

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Saturday portrait: Graeme Hick, by Simon Barnes

Small-town boy who struggles to be at home in the big time

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN



Graeme Hick's last chances are becoming as frequent as Frank Sinatra's last performances. He has been given yet another last chance in this, the last Test match of this humiliating Ashes summer, after being dropped for once again failing to fulfil his promise.

Writing about Hick in the middle of a Test match is an eerie experience. The interesting thing about Hick is his failure at Test-match level. But to write about his failure during a Test match is tempting fate in a dreadful way. It is rather like writing a piece in praise of the solidity of the Kariba dam (a little Zimbabwean simile here for our Zimbabwean boy).

Hick still looks awfully fallible, just as the Kariba dam looks awfully solid. But what if, in the interval between my writing this piece and its publication, the dam should burst? And it might.

England selectors have continued picking Hick in the belief that, under the pressure of an ocean of talent, the dam must surely give way soon. Hick is abundantly gifted, and possesses colossal powers of resolution and concentration. He simply *must* come good, must he not?

But he has yet to crack it. He scored 80 in the first innings of this match, but told us only what we knew already: that as a destroyer of bad bowling on a batsman-friendly pitch, he has no peer. But he lacked the luck, concentration, nerve — whatever it was — to go on and make the big hundred that seemed to be his for the taking.

He has journeyed up and down the batting order seeking the widest possible comfort zone, and never finding it. He has been picked as an all-rounder, because he can bowl decent off spin. He has been picked as a specialist slip fielder, because he can pick flies out of the air. But you pick batsmen to bat.

Hick is like the bumble-bee, which, according to the laws of aerodynamics, cannot fly. According to all the perceived patterns of cricket, Hick cannot fail. But with all the theorising in the world, bumble-bees still do not flop to the ground, and Hick still does not score runs.

Not in Test matches, at least. At county level, he remains a formidable destroyer: bat like a railway sleeper, a strong man who knows how to use his strength. His innings of 405 for Worcestershire will remain in the annals as one of the most destructive innings county cricket has ever known.

But at Test-match level, he has failed. John Bracewell, the New Zealander, famously dismissed him as a flat-track bully: a cricketer ruthless when things are in his favour, helpless in adversity. There is more than a germ of truth in this: but that is not the whole story.

Hick came into Test cricket later in his life than his talent had demanded. He was born in Zimbabawe, played in the World Cup for his country at 17 but wanted to play in Tests. So he underwent a seven-year qualification period for England.

> **'I believe Hick can play fast bowling very well. He just cannot do so in Test match cricket'**

And so, as things worked out, he made his inordinately delayed entry into Test-match cricket at 25 with 57 first-class centuries under his belt. This was to be a new dawn for English cricket. True, the debut was against West Indies, and the most fearsome bowling attack in the world: but there was nothing Hick had not faced before.

The result was disaster. That gave rise to the theory that Hick was a good player who simply could not play fast, short-pitched bowling. But this was not completely accurate: it was just that he could not play fast, short-pitched bowling in Test matches.

Take 1988, his personal *annus mirablis*. Playing for Worcestershire, he took 172 runs against West Indies: the attack included Patterson, Ambrose, Walsh and Bishop. Two years later, playing for Worcestershire against Surrey, he faced Waqar in murderous form. Hick made 145 and 85.

Hick also made a mess of things against Pakistan last summer. He showed the same comic puzzlement against leg spin as poor Robin Smith has against Shane Warne in this series. That gave rise to the theory that Hick was a great player, his only weaknesses being an inability to play fast bowling and an inability to play slow bowling.

Again, this is slightly inaccurate. His credentials against spin include a sumptuous assault against Warne, when playing for Worcestershire earlier this season, an innings some optimists thought would destroy Warne's confidence for good. It followed a century against the Indian spinners in the third Test in Bombay in the winter: that was Hick's first, and so far only Test-match hundred.

At the time we wondered if this was not the bursting of the Kariba dam. Hick, quiet, self-contained, but absolutely bursting inside, said that he hoped he would now show us what he was truly capable of. First India, then the destruction of Warne: now for the destruction of Australia.

Enter Mervyn Hughes. It was the old story: fast, short-pitched bowling. The new Hick was confounded as easily as the old one had been.

Some put forward the theory that Hick's failure against the short ball is technical. He does not move his back foot, therefore he fails to get over the off-stump ball, and therefore pushes such a ball to the slips.

But I believe that the immobility of the back foot indicates not a flaw of technique but a flaw of temperament. I believe that Hick can play fast bowling very well. He just cannot do so in Test matches.

In particular, he cannot play Test-match cricket when it gets personal. The West Indian bowlers made a set at Hick, because he came into the game with such a huge reputation. Every fast bowler in the world loves to knock over a big reputation. Hick, self-described as "quiet and sensitive", could not take the personal attention.

And this year, it has been the aggression of Hughes, especially the vindictive nastiness of his sledging, that has seriously upset Hick. Interestingly, Hughes's second biggest sledging target has been the equally mild-seeming, equally diffident-looking Atherton. The more Hughes has snarled, the more Atherton has smiled irritatingly back. Atherton is now England captain, scoring a total of 100 runs in his first Test as captain.

Hick is a pleasant man, young — still only 27 — and seeming younger. He is quiet, but very intense. His idea of a wild night is half a bitter after stumps with his equally laconic pal, Richard Illingworth, and then home. Often to brood. His way of dealing with his past Test match failings included silent hours of television-watching: not talking even to his wife. His says fatherhood — he has a daughter, Lauren, nearing her first birthday — has loosened him up since those days. He is very pleasant, quiet-mannered, polite.

He has sought psychological help, and worked with a sports counsellor called Brian Mason, recommended to him by David Gower. Together, Hick and Mason have worked through six stages of rehabilitation. The last and most formidable hurdle was sledging.

Hick is a quiet man who likes quiet places like Worcester, New Zealand and Zimbabwe: a small-town boy. He seems to be capable of doing anything he wants to with a cricket ball — except when the cricket is tuned up to Test-match pitch. A Test match is one of the most searching and brutal examinations of personality in the modern sporting round. We know more about Hick from his handful of Test matches than we did from his seven years of qualification.

Hick is like a child singing a song to the grown-ups. He can sing the song very nicely and remember all the words, as long as he is allowed to deliver the song from behind the curtain. If you bully him to come out before the adults' gaze, he is lost. The song remains unsung.

Signing of Sinton confirms ambition

BY PETER BALL

ANDY Sinton's debut for Sheffield Wednesday this afternoon marks the end for Trevor Francis of both a two-year quest and, for the immediate future, his high-profile activity in the transfer market.

The question is whether it will also mark Sheffield Wednesday's arrival among the elite as serious contenders for the game's big prizes.

Sinton joins the other expensive summer arrival, Des Walker, as the club's record signing at £2.75 million.

"What we have done over the last few weeks in the transfer market confirms that we are in with the big timers," a satisfied Francis said yesterday. "This puts us in the same bracket as Arsenal, Manchester United and Liverpool."

That Wednesday, or Francis, persuaded Sinton to join the club in preference to Arsenal, who piquantly provide the opposition at Hillsborough this afternoon, goes some way to justify his words. To prove the point they will now be expected to match the big clubs on the field as well as in the marketplace.

Sinton said: "I think we are capable of winning the league, I wouldn't have joined the club if I didn't. We're certainly in a position now to challenge for it."

Francis was understandably more circumspect, saying that while the arrival of Walker, Sinton and Pearce meant that his team was the equal of anybody, with Johnson joining Lincoln City yesterday to extend the departures this summer to five, his squad was thinner than some of the rivals in the FA Carling Premiership.

Sinton, whom Francis first bought for £350,000 for Queens Park Rangers, should give the side a better balance.

He has been considerably more expensive this time round, but Francis insisted he had fewer doubts spending £2.75 million than he did when he first bought him from Brentford for £350,000.

Diamond shapes up as jewel in crown for new campaign



Rob Hughes on how a formation adopted by top clubs is changing football in England for the better

TACTICS ought never to be a substitute for skill, but the claim that football is a simple game is no excuse for playing it like simpletons.

Thankfully, the mindless long ball has almost had its day. The new season brings more tactical variation in England than in any other league. This is a headache for Graham Taylor, the England manager, as he tries to knit together a national XI from disparate club styles. But how refreshing it was to see Arsenal trump Spurs with their own tactical card last Monday.

Too frenzied to be a classic, the north London derby nevertheless had a crystal clear shape. "We outpassed the passing side," said George Graham, the Arsenal manager. "To do that you have to match the diamond, which we did."

Graham's reference to the diamond acknowledges the influence Osvaldo Ardiles has among professional coaches. Arsenal emulated Ardiles's midfield system, using four midfield players in a diamond formation.

The sweet irony is that Ardiles, a player and manager here of 15 years, was denied application for an FA advanced coaching licence because he is deemed ineligible for a badge exclusive to UK citizens.

Having returned to Spurs, he adheres to the strategy he used at Swindon, Newcastle and West Bromwich Albion. Vinnie Samways, the brains of the Spurs team, plays at the back of the diamond. His reading of the game, his ability to set a rhythm and spot the openings is played to a maximum.

But the failing that Samways has in rarely scoring more than once a season is minimised, and with license to control the game from the deep, he must learn to tackle. Thus, Ardiles attempts to broaden Samways in a way that may yet turn make him into an England fulcrum.

At the front of the diamond, Ardiles has paid Ipswich £2 million for Jason Dozzell, using him behind Tottenham's front-runners. On the flanks David Howells and Steve Sedgley are industrious, but unlikely to provide the cutting edge that will come when the injured Darren Anderton and Paul Allen return.

Arsenal, dropping Limpar and Merson, matched the diamond with a diamond. Ray Parlour aggressively overpowered Samways, John Jensen stifled Dozzell, and though some of the balance of Paul Davis was wasted on the left, the compensation came from Eddie McGoldrick on the right.

McGoldrick, astute utility man that he is, did most of the prompting for the match-winner, Ian Wright. Graham laughed at those accusing him of reducing flair, and when Arsenal tackle championship contenders Sheffield Wednesday today it will be interesting to hear if the South Yorkshire supporters repeat their chant at the Cup Final: "Arsenal are Wimbledon with O Levels."

Readers who have noted *The Times* line-ups now use tactical formations rather than numerical order — something rendered obsolete by the ludicrous switch to squad numbers — may have thought that Manchester United, playing 4-5-1 at Norwich last Saturday, were negative.

Far from it. Even without the maverick Eric Cantona, United cruised past Norwich, crushed Sheffield United, and today attack Newcastle with more brio than any other team in the land.

Their tactical improvisation is built around the anchor of Bryan Robson, though Roy Keane can take this role. With Robson holding the centre, United attack in triangles down the flanks — on the right Paul Parker, Keane and Andrei Kanchelskis, and on the left Denis Irwin, Paul Ince and Ryan Giggs.

But there are diamonds here as well. Robson can use Ince or Keane in conjunction with the front player, Mark Hughes, or he can initiate a more expansive diamond shape passing straight to the wingers, Kanchelskis or Giggs.

So much for the effect of Ardiles. But instead of inventing the wheel, the little Argentinian may merely have brought it back into fashion. Scour old coaching manuals and Arsenal were clearly the innovators of the 1930s. Most people have heard of their W-formation, initiating a third back, but their style also deployed triangles. And when eventually the defensive and attacking triangles came together using the inside forwards, Alex James and David Jacks, we had Ossie's diamond.



Ardiles: pioneer of new formation



Ferguson: tactical changes brought title

A contemporary of the Arsenal coach of that era, the Austrian, Hugo Meisl, whose team was then the wonder of the world, concluded before any of the present players were born: "Given a team of brilliant players one will succeed with every system or any system — and probably best with no system at all."

Here's to tactical freedom.

☐ The Tottenham Hotspur midfield player, Vinny Samways, could face a disrepute charge after being reported to the Football Association for making an obscene gesture in the match against Newcastle United at St James' Park on Saturday.

The FA confirmed yesterday that it is investigating the incident. "We will decide what action to take, if any, after looking at the match video," an FA spokesman said.

The FA decided to act after receiving letters of complaint about Samways. Highlights of Tottenham's 1-0 victory were shown on BBC Television's *Match of the Day* on Saturday night.

☐ The fee Tottenham Hotspur must pay Ipswich Town for the midfield player, Jason Dozzell, may have to be settled by a tribunal.

John Lyall, the Ipswich manager, and Ardiles, of Tottenham, have been trying to compromise on a fee since Dozzell moved to White Hart Lane three weeks ago, but Lyall said yesterday: "We are still a little way apart. Both clubs want to reach agreement and talks continue."

Ipswich want around £2 million for the former England under-21 player. If the manager cannot resolve their difference this weekend, the matter will go before a tribunal in Birmingham next Thursday.

☐ Notts County, the Endsleigh Insurance League first division side, have put the defender, Chris Short, on the transfer list. Short, who was linked with Leeds United and Derby County last season, has not played in the first team this season.

☐ Trevor Senior, the former Reading and Portsmouth striker, has agreed a deal to join Weymouth on a 12-month contract.

Souness sounds notes of caution

BY KEITH PIKE

GRAEME Souness yesterday stopped short of announcing the return of Liverpool as a power in the land, but by teatime tomorrow a wider audience may have been convinced that the Anfield renaissance is truly under way.

Few who saw Liverpool's 2-0 defeat of Sheffield Wednesday on the opening day of the season had been left in much doubt. Those that still harboured reservations must have been persuaded in midweek, when Liverpool produced an outstanding performance to beat Queens Park Rangers 3-1 at Loftus Road. Tomorrow, an armchair audience — or at least those with satellite dishes — get their chance to pass judgment when Liverpool play Swindon Town at the County Ground.

"Yes, our performances have been encouraging, but we must keep our feet on the ground," Souness said. "We are coming up against a side which has been beaten twice, but what better way to gain confidence than to beat Liverpool. We have done very well, but I must emphasise we have played only two games."

Liverpool are one of five FA Carling Premiership clubs taking 100 per cent records into the weekend — the others, including the champions, Manchester United, are all at home — and they will again be without John Barnes, who has yet to play this season because of a thigh strain.

Alan Shearer, who has played less than 100 minutes of football since suffering damage to a cruciate ligament six months ago, is in the Blackburn Rovers squad for their home match against Oldham Athletic, although Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, is not certain to start with him.

Graham Taylor, the England manager, would welcome Shearer's return with the vital World Cup qualifying match against Poland on September 8 beginning to loom large.

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Stricter conditions for League entry

BY WALTER GAMMIE

THE club that wins the GM Vauxhall Conference, whose season starts today, will have to have nailed its ambitions to the mast by August 31 if it wishes to go up to the Endsleigh Insurance League next season.

The Football League has decided that clubs that want to enter the League must have their grounds inspected by August 31 and completed necessary improvements by December 31. That represents a one-year concession; next season, the League will only accept the winner of the Conference if their ground meets requirements by August 31.

The Conference began discussions this week as to whether it will respond by passing on similar restrictions to its three feeder leagues, the Beazer Homes League, Diadora League and Northern Premier League.

This season's Conference, without its outstanding champions, Wycombe Wanderers, is lifted by the descent of Halifax Town, the first League club to be relegated after a two-year break, and the promotion of Dover Athletic and Southport, whose prodigious effort in raising funds and redeveloping their Haig Avenue ground showed what can be done in a four-month end-of-season promotion alert.

Halifax, following Lincoln City, Darlington and Colchester United by keeping a full-time professional staff, have recruited the Conference know-how of the former Macclesfield Town manager, Peter Wragg, with Mick Rathbone continuing as player-coach. The club's season ticket sales are three times up on the start of last season. Halifax begin at home at The Shay to Kettering Town today.

Sammy McIlroy, who had spent a 16-month spell with Northwich Victoria, has taken over at Macclesfield. Mike McKenzie, the former Winsford United manager, is the new man in charge at Witton Albion in succession to Peter O'Brien.

John Docherty, the former Millwall manager, will direct affairs at Slough, after Dave Kemp's departure to Crystal Palace as coach.



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Birthday honours go to Emburey for fine century

By Michael Henderson

LORD'S (second day of four): Northamptonshire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 228 runs behind Middlesex

OWLS to Berlin, as they say in Germany, or as we might prefer: championships to Middlesex. Northamptonshire are in a right old pickle in this match and will now do well to emerge from it with body and soul intact after Middlesex's assumption of such impressive command.

Bailey alone defied them yesterday, entering in the second over of the Northamptonshire reply and batting until stumps, somewhat battered, to reach 74. He might have gone three times if Tufnell, off his own bowling, Emburey or Brown had accepted one of the chances he offered.

Cowans took wickets in his first and third overs, Felton caught behind and Fordham leg-before. Tufnell ended Loye's staunch innings and had Curran held at silly mid-off in his next over. Lamb was unhappy to be leg-before to Feltham. The injury-prone Williams, who bowled only 4.1 overs, was not greatly missed.

The day belonged to the birthday boy, John Emburey, who has now turned 41. Emburey's second century of a splendid summer was the contribution above all others which enabled Middlesex's last five wickets to add 241 to a vulnerable 161 and put a fair total of 402 on the board.

What a card Emburey is! If Northamptonshire were not run to a frazzle by his stand of 163 with Brown for the sixth wicket, a commanding ninth-wicket partnership with Tufnell which brought a further 53 runs in ten harum-scarum overs had the bowlers at their wits' end.

There was no shortage of witless bowling, particularly from Ambrose, whose demeanour lacks any trace of grace. He had Emburey in the end — he is a Test fast bowler, for goodness sake — but one looked in vain for any acknowledgment of that plucky innings. As the other fielders applauded Emburey off, Ambrose sat on the ground, a man apart.

Early in the day Emburey had top-edged a hook off Ambrose over Ripley's head. Later he thrashed some desperately poor stuff through the covers like a latter-day Dexter. When Taylor replaced him at the pavilion end Ambrose did the chasing from mid-off when Emburey pushed the two runs which raised his hundred. Ambrose did not applaude that either.

It was the seventh century of Emburey's career and only his second at Lord's. The first was also achieved against the Tudor Rose county, Northamptonshire, in 1982, the last year of Mike Brearley's captaincy. In all Emburey hit 12 boundaries from 232 balls, figures worth noting in view of Northamptonshire's feeble efforts after the lunchtime interval.

There is little doubt that Emburey is the county cricketer of the year. In an age obsessed with what is risibly called "youth culture", his performances with bat and ball have provided a bracing antidote to the track-suit brigade which amount to a rebuke.

Winning championships is not all to do with bashing bowlers around the ground. There are days when the virtues of patience and fortitude are paramount as Middlesex, to their lasting credit, have recognised here.

In order to strengthen their top order, which is by no means infallible, they have sought, and been granted, first refusal on Jason Gallian, the 22-year-old Australian-born batsman who qualifies for Lancashire next year. They have not been linked with Graeme Hick, whose name is currently blowing in a south-east wind.

Their bowling resources are stronger and more varied. As the shadows lengthened Tufnell gave the ball a real rip and Emburey popped up with the final act of his wondrous day when Roberts prodded a catch to silly mid-off. Quite simply, Northamptonshire have nowhere to hide.

Morris advertises claims for recall

By Ivo Tennant

ILKESTON (second day of four): Surrey, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 203 runs behind Derbyshire

IF, ON Thursday, the considered opinion was that Surrey had impaired irretrievably such remaining chances as they had of becoming county champions, yesterday it was that John Morris would soon be an England batsman again. They are a biased lot here, of course. Yet his 127 off 157 balls deserved a wider audience.

An England observer, for a start. There has been much speculation during this match as to what the future holds for Morris, who has given up the vice-captaincy of Derbyshire. In football parlance, he is feeling unsettled. He knows he is a sound enough player of fast bowling to go to West Indies this winter and, even if he did not know, there have been enough people here to tell him so.

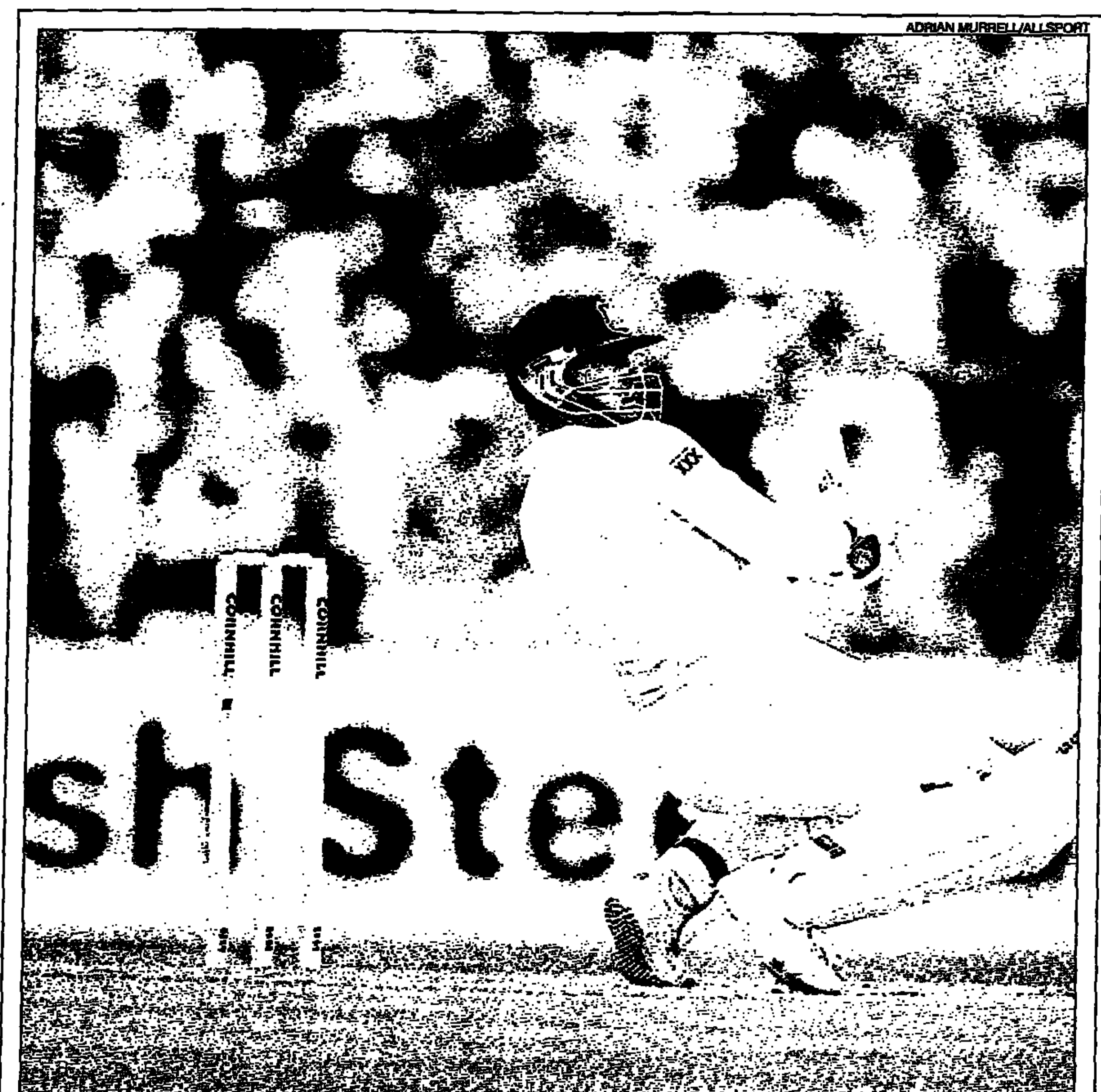
Bowler was prosaic by comparison, taking 86 overs to reach his first century of the season. He has not captained Derbyshire before and does not have anything like the ability of Morris, so any comparison is odious. Suffice to say the pitch had dried out and there was quite enough time for him to occupy one end and snuff out such hopes Surrey still had of winning the championship.

Of their partnership of 192 in 197 minutes, Morris made 127. He played Waqar Younis as well as anyone can have done for a long while, be it driving off the front foot or once hooking thrillingly over long leg for six. It does not concern him over-much when he plays and misses, as he does quite frequently: when Benjamin beat him twice in one over, his riposte was three high-class driven fours.

This was followed with three more off Murphy, which took him to his century. There were 15 fours and two sixes in that and a further five fours before Hollioake had him leg-before no sooner than he had come on. Morris averages 55.95 this season and cannot forever have his airborne Japes with David Gower held against him by England's committee.

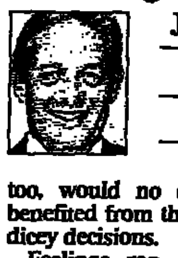
It was all rather anti-climatic after that. Waqar bowled as keenly and as fast as ever, hardly heeding Imran Khan's warning that he will be worn out if he continues to exert himself like this. Cork's middle stump was whipped out and, by way of variety, Adams was beaten with one that looked to come out of the back of the hand.

Yet Derbyshire were still able to declare with a 233-run lead, a state of affairs unknown in the past. This was the highest total they have made against Surrey. They managed to take a wicket with the last ball of the day, Cork having Atkins leg-before. There is no mistaking their superiority in this match.



Leaning over backwards: Taylor takes evasive action to deal with a Malcolm bouncer at the Oval yesterday

Players only fooling themselves



John Woodcock criticises falling standards of behaviour and attempts to deceive umpires

England's captain, Michael Atherton, said after the fifth Test match at Edgbaston, his first in charge, that there was "a big gulf between the sides in terms of performance".

Keith Fletcher, on the other hand, was of the opinion, as England's cricket manager, that Australia's superiority was marginal and attributable not least to the luck of the game, especially in the way of umpiring decisions.

On the evidence of yesterday's play in the sixth Test match at the Oval, Fletcher was half right. From time immemorial, though, it has always been the weaker side that has complained about getting the worst of the umpiring. The reason for this is simple: its bowlers create fewer chances to appeal.

The umpires may well have had a poor series. I think they probably have and that English umpires, anyway, are not all they are cracked up to be. But had any of England's own bowlers beaten the bat with anything like the same frequency as Warne, they, too, would no doubt have benefited from their share of dicey decisions.

Feelings ran high when England were in the field on Thursday evening, and it was not a pleasant sight. If what was said by the players of both sides, much of it from under the cover of a helmet, could have been recorded, few reputations would have remained untarnished.

It all began when the Australians thought Alec Stewart had been caught at slip off Warne. Their reaction when he was given not out by umpire Kitchen was like a parody, it was so exaggerated. Eventually Stewart and Fraser were to be seen answering back while the umpires, true to form, seemed mildly entertained, or, at any rate, unconcerned.

It was impossible to be certain from the television replay whether Stewart had got an outside edge or not, which suggests that Kitchen's decision was a good one. But that is not the point.

It is now the practice for Test cricketers to try and fool the umpires, whether by appealing melodramatically for a catch, say at short leg, when they know perfectly well that the ball has not hit the bat, or by not walking even when so palpably caught by slip as Hussain had been shortly before the Stewart incident. The more the players tried to get away with, the harder it becomes for the umpires to get things right.

Some years ago now, the late and much lamented Lindsay Hassett, Australia's captain in the early 1950s, gave up commentating on the game because he had had enough of what he saw as the declining standards of behaviour on the field. He was no prude, either.

But captains and managers, as well as umpires, invariably deny that there is anything amiss. And referees usually fall for it. Clive Lloyd, who is refereeing the match at the Oval, said that matters had been handled on Thursday evening to his "total satisfaction".

It so happens that the newly-formed cricket committee of the International Cricket Council (ICC) will meet for the first time at Lord's on Monday, under the chairmanship of Clyde Walcott.

He will have with him Sir Colin Cowdrey, whom he is about to succeed as ICC chairman, Ali Bacher (South Africa), Steve Camacho (West Indies), Bob Cowper (Australia), Sunil Gavaskar (India), Doug Insole (England), Imran Khan (Pakistan) and the new chief executive of the ICC, David Richards.

The committee had been asked to consider among other things: "The responsibility of the captain in preserving the spirit of the game ... and the ICC code of conduct." No one could ask for a better team with which to do so.

Marshall spurs Hants to big total

By Jack Bailey

SWANSEA (second day of four): Glamorgan, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 200 runs behind Hampshire

FOR all the spirited batting of Vivian Richards and Stephen James, who put on 138 in 29 overs in the face of Hampshire's forbidding total of 417, Glamorgan enter the third day of this vital match as distinct outsiders. On this pitch, a slow turner, with Flint and Udal bowling well, they still need 51 to avoid following on, and five wickets are down. They will need all the resilience which has been such a feature of their successful season if they are to salvage many points.

What fond hopes Glamorgan may have nurtured of polishing off Hampshire early yesterday morning were quickly dispelled. Richards and Marshall in opposition bring the best out of each other. Certainly, this was to be the case when Marshall bowled at Richards later in the day. Now, however, Marshall stroked the ball around, unhurried but persuasive and, perhaps to prove a point or two to his old colleague, made his highest score for Hampshire in three years.

Marshall's undefeated 75 served to remind of the days when he was considered a genuine all-rounder. Together with Shine, who came close to playing on twice in one over, and Flint, Marshall carried the Hampshire score from 338 for eight overnight to 417: and Croft, in bowling 62 overs, had bowled more overs in an innings than any other Glamorgan player.

Marshall was quickly back in the centre of things with an extended new-ball spell of ten overs, during which he got rid of Dale, generally worried James, had Richards firmly on the defensive, and finally hit the great man so hard on the foot that for a minute or two, Richards lay prone, unable to rise.

But rise he did, and bat he did, with much of the mastery which has made him such a valuable asset to the Welsh county. For much of the time, he was content to lend James support as the opening batsman carried Glamorgan forward from a potentially disastrous start. Both Morris and Dale had perished with only 19 on the board.

The stage was set for Richards, but it was James who took the eye, hitting 13 fours in his stay of two-and-three-quarter hours before missing a sweep off Flint. When Richards did cut loose, he lifted Udal's first ball after tea for six over long-on, and moved from 31 to 52 within two explosive overs.

Kent are made to labour by Haynes

By Geoffrey Wheeler

NOTHING in his previous record can have prepared the Kent bowlers for the treatment handed out to them yesterday by Gavin Haynes, in his fifth championship game of the season for Worcestershire.

Haynes, 24, who tops the Birmingham League bowling averages, occupied the crease for over six hours while scoring 158 at New Road on a day in which Worcestershire lost only three wickets as they progressed to 386 for four, a lead of 197. Haynes, batting in Graeme Hick's No. 3 position, needed just over four hours for a maiden century which included 17 fours and added 262 for the second wicket with his captain, Tim Curtis.

A 21-ball burst by Peter Hartley which brought him the wickets of Mendis, Fairbrother and Wasim Akram, gave **Yorkshire** control of the Roses Match at Old Trafford. **Lancashire** were bowled out for 167 and Yorkshire, 187 for three in their second innings, are 262 ahead.

The Weston-super-Mare festival, reduced to five days this season, is going to lose the best part of two of those, for **Somerset**, 151 for nine in their second innings, still need 57 to make **Leicestershire** bat again.

Gloucestershire's revival under Courtney Walsh continued when they bowled out **Essex** for 216 at Bristol for a lead of 104, despite Paul Prichard rising from his sick bed to make an unbeaten 46. Paul Parker's third century of the season for **Durham** took them ahead of a depleted **Warwickshire** at Darlington.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Somerset v Leicestershire

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (second day of four): Somerset require 57 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Leicestershire

SOMERSET: First Innings 112

Second Innings

A N Hayhurst c Smith b Mullally ... 13
M N Lathwell lbw b Millns ... 1
N A Folland c Millns b Parsons ... 12
*R J Harden c Nixon b Millns ... 38
I Fletcher b Millns ... 24
M Trescothick c Nixon b Mullally ... 0
G D Rose not out ... 16
†R J Turner c Nixon b Millns ... 1
Mushtaq Ahmed lbw b Millns ... 5
A R Caddick b Mullally ... 6
N A Mallender not out ... 8
Extras (b 17, w 1, nb 9) ... 27
Total (9 wkts) ... 151

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-15, 3-49, 4-98, 5-99, 6-99, 7-103, 8-109, 9-116.

BOWLING: Mullally 18-5-47-3; Millns 18-7-62-5; Parsons 7-4-8-1; Pierson 11-6-10-0; Wells 7-5-7-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Mushtaq b Rose ... 20
P N Hepworth c and b Rose ... 12
*J J Whitaker b Hayhurst ... 92
V J Wells c Trescothick b Rose ... 1
P E Robinson c Trescothick b Rose ... 2
B F Smith c Folland b Mushtaq ... 12
†P A Nixon lbw b Rose ... 61
G J Parsons not out ... 49
A R K Pierson b Mushtaq ... 15
A D Mullally c Turner b Mallender ... 2
D J Millns lbw b Rose ... 24
Extras (b 4, lb 12, w 2, nb 12) ... 30
Total (119 overs) ... 320

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-39, 3-49, 4-51, 5-76, 6-217, 7-231, 8-254, 9-281.

BOWLING: Caddick 2-0-8-0; Mallender 28-10-78-1; Rose 26-4-83-6; Mushtaq Ahmed 49-14-115-2; Hayhurst 12-5-20-1; Lathwell 2-2-0-0.

Bonus points: Somerset 4, Leicestershire 7.

Umpires: N T Plews and D R Shepherd.

Derbyshire v Surrey

ILKESTON (second day of four): Surrey, with nine second-innings wickets standing, are 203 runs behind Derbyshire

SURREY: First Innings 205 (A W Smith 68; A E Warner 5 for 57)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell not out ... 17
P D Atkins lbw b Cork ... 12
Extras (lb 1) ... 1
Total (1 wkt) ... 30

FALL OF WICKET: 1-30.

BOWLING: Warner 6-2-10-0; Cork 8-1-19-1.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*P D Bowler lbw b Waqar ... 143
J E Morris lbw b Hollioake ... 127
C J Adams lbw b Waqar ... 42
A S Rollins lbw b Benjamin ... 18
I G S Steer b Murphy ... 36
D G Cork b Waqar ... 5
M J Vandrau lbw b Waqar ... 2
†K M Krikken not out ... 13
A E Warner c Smith b Hollioake ... 25
R W Sladdin run out ... 0
Extras (lb 17, nb 10) ... 27
Total (9 wkts dec) ... 438

O H Mortensen did not bat.

Score at 120 overs: 415-7.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-192, 2-255, 3-289, 4-382, 5-390, 6-394, 7-403, 8-430, 9-438.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 27-3-97-4; Benjamin 40-10-111-1; Murphy 23-1-115-1; Hollioake 23.3-3-75-2; Smith 9-1-23-0; Lynch 1-1-0-0.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 8, Surrey 4.

Umpires: R Julian and D O Oslear.

Glamorgan v Hampshire

SWANSEA (second day of four): Glamorgan, with five first-innings wickets standing, are 200 runs behind Hampshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

R A Smith b Barwick ... 29
V P Terry run out ... 174
D I Gower c Cottey b Croft ... 6
*M C J Nicholas c Lefebvre b Croft ... 31
R M F Cox lbw b Lefebvre ... 21
K D James c Dale b Croft ... 7
†A N Aymes lbw b Lefebvre ... 55
M D Marshall not out ... 75
S D Udal c Cottey b Croft ... 0
K J Shine c sub b Croft ... 12
D P J Flint c Metson b Lefebvre ... 5
Extras (b 1, lb 1) ... 2
Total ... 417

Score at 120 overs: 320-5.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-66, 2-79, 3-163, 4-210, 5-227, 6-320, 7-334, 8-338, 9-402.

BOWLING: Thomas 19-3-78-0; Lefebvre 29.5-6-74-3; Barwick 42-12-83-1; Croft 62-16-157-5; Richards 5-0-13-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James b Flint ... 80
*H Morris c Nicholas b Shine ... 8
A Dale lbw b Marshall ... 5
I V A Richards b Flint ... 67
P A Cottey c Smith b Udal ... 6
D L Hemp not out ... 10
R D B Croft not out ... 23
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 12) ... 18
Total (5 wkts, 75 overs) ... 217

R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson, S D Thomas and S R Barwick to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-19, 3-157, 4-180, 5-180.

BOWLING: Shine 9-2-35-1; Marshall 12-5-29-1; James 8-2-32-0; Udal 26-4-73-1; Flint 20-9-43-2.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 3, Hampshire 5.

Umpires: J W Holder and P B Wight.

Gloucestershire v Essex

BRISTOL (second day of four): Gloucestershire, with nine second-innings wickets standing, are 136 runs ahead of Essex

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 320 (M W Alleyne 104, T H C Hancock 52)

Second Innings

B C Broad not out ... 14
G D Hodgson lbw b Childs ... 7
R I Dawson not out ... 3
Extras (lb 4, nb 4) ... 8
Total (1 wkt) ... 32

FALL OF WICKET: 1-26.

BOWLING: Ilott 8-3-11-0; Topley 4-2-13-0; Childs 5-3-3-1, Salim Malik 1-0-1-0.

ESSEX: First Innings

D D J Robinson c Hinks b Walsh ... 6
N V Knight c Hinks b Cooper ... 0
J J B Lewis b Cooper ... 46
Salim Malik lbw b Alleyne ... 25
N Shahid b Babington ... 45
†M A Garnham b Cooper ... 1
D R Pringle c Russell b Babington ... 14
*P J Prichard not out ... 46
T D Topley c Hinks b Walsh ... 11
M C Ilott c Russell b Walsh ... 0
J H Childs b Babington ... 4
Extras (lb 6, nb 12) ... 18
Total (88.5 overs) ... 216

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-10, 3-61, 4-100, 5-102, 6-143, 7-148, 8-202, 9-202.

BOWLING: Walsh 21-6-57-3; Cooper 22-8-30-3; Babington 19.5-5-71-3; Alleyne 16-7-19-1, Davies 8-5-21-0; Hancock 2-1-12-0.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 7, Essex 5.

Umpires: J D Bond and R A White.

Worcestershire v Kent

WORCESTER (second day of four): Worcestershire, with six first-innings wickets standing, are 197 runs ahead of Kent

KENT: First Innings 189 (M A Ealham 54 not out; C M Tolley 5 for 55)

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis c Fleming b Ealham ... 127
M J Weston c Marsh b Igglesden ... 9
G R Haynes c Hooper b Headley ... 158
D A Leatherdale c Marsh b Headley ... 33
D B D'Oliveira not out ... 20
†S J Rhodes not out ... 12
Extras (lb 15, nb 12) ... 27
Total (4 wkts) ... 372

P J Newport, R K Illingworth, C M Tolley, N V Radford and K C G Benjamin to bat.

Score at 120 overs: 372-4.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-283, 3-341, 4-360.

BOWLING: Igglesden 26-6-58-1, Headley 30-6-93-2; Fleming 22-7-58-0; Ealham 20-2-87-1; Hooper 21-5-60-0; Llong 4-1-17-0.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 8, Kent 1.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater.

Middlesex v Northamptonshire

LORD'S (second day of four): Northamptonshire, with three first-innings wickets standing, are 228 runs behind Middlesex

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

D L Haynes c Ripley b Taylor ... 20
M A Roseberry lbw b Curran ... 13
*M W Gatting c Fordham b Ambrose ... 28
J D Carr c Fordham b Roberts ... 33
P N Weekes lbw b Curran ... 47
†K R Brown c Ripley b Curran ... 72
J E Emburey c Ripley b Ambrose ... 120
M A Feltham lbw b Curran ... 8
N F Williams c Loye b Taylor ... 1
P C R Tufnell not out ... 30
N G Cowans b Ambrose ... 7
Extras (b 1, lb 13, w 1, nb 8) ... 23
Total ... 402

Score at 120 overs: 322-5.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-47, 3-75, 4-131, 5-161, 6-324, 7-336, 8-339, 9-392.

BOWLING: Ambrose 30-9-69-3; Taylor 27-8-69-2; Curran 30-8-82-4; Cook 20-3-65-0; Roberts 23-4-89-1; Bailey 10-1-34-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham lbw b Cowans ... 4
N A Felton c Brown b Cowans ... 0
R J Bailey not out ... 74
*A J Lamb lbw b Feltham ... 15
M B Loye b Tufnell ... 41
K M Curran c Roseberry b Tufnell ... 0
†D Ripley run out ... 10
A R Roberts c Roseberry b Emburey ... 3
C E L Ambrose not out ... 7
Extras (b 7, lb 6, w 1, nb 6) ... 20
Total (7 wkts, 80 overs) ... 174

N G B Cook and J P Taylor to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-12, 3-34, 4-122, 5-122, 6-137, 7-160.

BOWLING: Williams 4-2-5-0; Cowans 15-2-43-2, Emburey 19-4-29-1, Feltham 10-3-18-1; Tufnell 26-6-51-2; Weekes 6-2-15-0.

Bonus points: Middlesex 6, Northants 2.

Umpires: D J Constant and A G T Whitehead.

Durham v Warwickshire

DARLINGTON (second day of four): Durham, with three first-innings wickets standing, are 31 runs ahead of Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 281 (P A Smith 55; S J E Brown 5 for 78)

DURHAM: First Innings

G Fowler lbw b P A Smith ... 8
W Larkins b P A Smith ... 2
P W G Parker not out ... 122
S Hutton lbw b Twose ... 18
P Bainbridge c Ratcliffe b P A Smith ... 5
J A Daley c Asif Din b Moles ... 79
†C W Scott lbw b Bell ... 6
A C Cummins c sub b Twose ... 17
*D A Graveney not out ... 6
Extras (b 3, lb 15, w 1, nb 32) ... 51
Total (7 wkts, 115 overs) ... 312

S J E Brown and S P Hughes to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-34, 3-70, 4-79, 5-264, 6-272, 7-304.

BOWLING: Bell 25-8-84-1; P A Smith 24-6-61-3; Twose 26-4-56-2; N M K Smith 25-10-51-0; Giles 11-1-37-0; Moles 4-1-5-1.

Bonus points: Durham 7, Warwickshire 5.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and G I Burgess.

Lancashire v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): Yorkshire, with seven second-innings wickets standing, are 262 runs ahead of Lancashire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 242 (M P Vaughan 64, A P Grayson 64; Wasim Akram 8 for 68)

Second Innings

*M D Moxon c DeFreitas b Martin ... 16
M P Vaughan c Hegg b DeFreitas ... 26
R B Richardson st Hegg b Watkinson ... 50
D Byas not out ... 49
†R J Blakey not out ... 35
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 6) ... 9
Total (3 wkts) ... 187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-73, 3-123

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 12-3-33-0; Martin 7-2-27-1; DeFreitas 9-1-25-1; Watkinson 20-6-71-1; Chapple 5-0-22-0; Irani 1-0-6-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis lbw b Hartley ... 55
J P Crawley c Blakey b Robinson ... 26
R C Irani c Moxon b Gough ... 0
N J Speak lbw b Gough ... 0
*N H Fairbrother b Hartley ... 26
M Watkinson st Blakey b Carrick ... 7
Wasim Akram b Hartley ... 0
P A J DeFreitas not out ... 10
†W K Hegg lbw b Hartley ... 9
P J Martin b Gough ... 18
G Chapple b Gough ... 0
Extras (b 6, w 2, nb 8) ... 16
Total (52.1 overs) ... 167

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-67, 3-67, 4-115, 5-125, 6-128, 7-128, 8-137, 9-163.

BOWLING: Hartley 16-5-62-4; Gough 12.1-3-46-4; Robinson 11-2-37-1; Carrick 13-7-16-1.

Bonus points: Lancashire 4, Yorkshire 5.

Umpires: H D Bird and K E Palmer.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis Cardinals 3, San Diego Padres 2; San Francisco Giants 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 3, Colorado Rockies 6, Philadelphia Phillies 5; Los Angeles Dodgers 7, Atlanta Braves 5, Montreal Expos 10, Chicago Cubs 2; Houston Astros 8, Florida Marlins 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City Royals 4, Minnesota Twins 2; Cleveland Indians 5, Boston Red Sox 1, California Angels 5, Milwaukee Brewers 4 (12 inns)

BOWLS

WORTHING: Sanatogen EBA national championships: Singles: Second round: C Wilkins (Burgess Hill) bt J Sussex (Windlesham, Surrey), 21-19; M Owen (Hounslow Sports) bt E Henry (Houghton Dairy Lane, Durham), 21-11; B Morley (GPT, Notts) bt S Airey (Workington), 21-15; I Walker (Kingsthorpe, Northants) bt C Wells (Rugby), 21-3; J McConnell (Summertown, Oxford) bt M Poole (New Lount, Leics), 21-17; R Hewson (Summertown) bt D Lockhart (Bolton), 21-13, M Cullingworth (King George V, Guisborough) bt P Mellerup (Cam Mills), 21-15; J Wickham (Totnes) bt A Bird (Stafford Tn), 21-13; R Brittan (Erdington Ct) bt B Sheppard (Alexandra Pk, Dorset), 21-6; W Richards (Mid-Surrey) bt S Warren (Westlecote, Swindon), 21-14; M W Read (Stenalees, Cornwall) bt J Sparrow (Acle, St Edmunds), 21-10, G Charlton (Folkestone Pk) bt J Crozier (Longtown, Cumbria), 21-9; M Christmas (Pegasus, Essex) bt A R Croft (Newark Northern), 21-13; D Howes (Stroud) bt M Haywood (Hinckley), 21-14; P Broderick (Wellingborough) bt K Phillips (City of Exeter), 21-5; M Bennett (Ponteland, Northumberland) bt P Last (Otley, Suffolk), 21-17.

Third round: Owen bt Wilkins, 21-9; Morley bt Walker, 21-10; Hewson bt McConnell, 21-10; Wickham bt Cullingworth, 21-12; Brittan bt Richards, 21-14; Charlton bt Read, 21-13; Howes bt Christmas, 21-20; Bennett bt Broderick, 21-13.

Quarter-finals: Owen bt Morley, 21-19; Wickham bt Hewson, 21-14, Charlton bt Brittan, 21-12; Howes bt Bennett, 21-14. Semi-finals: Wickham bt Owen, 21-15; Charlton bt Howes, 21-8.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Hinckley: Leicestershire 300 (W J Adam 100, A F Hayes 73; R C Williams 6-84) and 130-5 (J D R Benson 72 not out); Gloucestershire 262 (D R Hewson 86, A J Wright 71; J M Dakin 5-69). Chelmsford: Essex 173 (G Yates 6-41) and 77-1; Lancashire 400-9 dec (S P Titchard 102). Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 366-6 dec (M A Crawley 108, M Saxelby 80) and 273-2 (G F Archer 107 not out, M P Dowman 84 not out); Kent 300-6 dec (G R Cowdrey 169, S C Willis 60). York: Worcestershire 316 for 8 dec (G A Pollock 96) and 119 for 0 (W P C Weston 61 not out); Yorkshire 314 for 5 dec (S A Kellett 89, M J Foster 74 not out). Northampton: Northamptonshire 283 (T C Walton 84) and 38 for 2; Surrey 371 (R I Alikhan 156, M A Butcher 65). Hove: Glamorgan 93 (J A North 4-5) and 194; Sussex 454-8 dec (K Greenfield 123, M T E Peirce 98, C M Wells 81; C P M Holland 4-118). Sussex won by innings and 167 runs. TOUR MATCH (Kurunegala, Sri Lanka): South Africa XI 333-8 dec (A C Hudson 91, P L Symcox 77 not out, K C Wessels 62; K Dharmasena 5-91) and 156-4 (N J Rhodes 50); Sri Lanka President's XI 291 (H Wickremaratne 82, D Samaraweera 72, S T Jayasuriya 54, R P Snell 4-75, F S de Villiers 5-68). Match drawn.

CYCLING

HAMAR, Norway: World track championships: Motor-paced: Qualifying: Heat one: 1, R Koeningshofer paced by K Igl (Austria), 21min 52.52sec; 2, C Podlesch and D Durst (Ger); 3, A Fenelli and W Corradin (It). Heat two: 1, J Veggerby (Den) and B Walrave (Holl), 22:20.45; 2, A Kuettel and W Asbi (Switz); 3, T Rellensmann and C Dippel (Ger). Men's sprint: Semi-finals: G Neiwand (Aus) bt E Pokorny (Ger), 2-0; M Huebner (Ger) bt M Nothstein (US), 2-0. Women's 3,000m pursuit: Final: R Twigg (US), 3min 37 347sec (world record) bt M Clignet (Fr), 3:39.214. Women's sprint: Semi-finals: T Dubnicoff (Can) wo G Enoukhina (Russ). scr; I Haringa (Holl) bt N Even (Fr), 2-1.

DIVING

CRYSTAL PALACE: World junior championships: Boys: 14-15 yrs: Platform: 1, A Skrypnik (Ukr), 282pts; 2, A Varlamov (Russ), 279; 3, J Mountford (GB), 276.25. 16-17 yrs: Three-metre: 1, A Wels (Ger), 586.90. Girls: 14-15 yrs: One-metre: 1, D Kotzian (Ger), 284 70.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROTTERDAM SHOW: Nations Cup: 1, Holland, 4 faults, 125.12sec in jump-off; 2, Germany, 4, 127.68; 3, France, 4½; 4, Switzerland, 8; 5, Britain, 20; 6, Italy, 24; 7, Belgium, 27½. Rolling Hudig Hall Prize: 1, Argot (E Gundel, Ger), 36pts, 43 07sec; 2, Everest Uriels Foal (M Whitaker, GB), 36, 43.24; 3, Oslo Carpets Dream (P Vandoome, Bel), 36, 43.48.

FOOTBALL

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 1, Leeds 0; Blackburn 0, Manchester Utd 1; Derby 1, Leicester 3, Liverpool 3, York 1; Notts County 2, Nottingham For 0; Sheffield Utd 2, Sheffield Wed 0. Second division: Middlesbrough 0, Stoke 1. Blackpool 2, Mansfield 1.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE CUP: Second round. Athlone 1, Drogheda 2; Shamrock 1, Bray 3; Sligo 1, Limerick 0

PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENTS: Milan: Internazionale 2, Flamengo (Br) 1, Inter 2, Real Zaragoza 0; Flamengo 1, Real Zaragoza 0. Valencia: Werder Bremen 5, Feyenoord (Holl) 1.

JAPANESE LEAGUE: Kawasaki Verdy 3, Nagoya Grampus Eight 1; Kashima Antlers 0, Shimizu S-Pulse 1; Urawa Red Diamonds 0, Yokohama Flugels 1; Yokohama Marinos 1, Sanfrecce Hiroshima 2, Gamba Osaka 2, JEF United Ichihara 0. Leading positions (after six matches): 1, Shimizu S-Pulse; 2, Verdy Kawasaki, 3, JEF United Ichihara.

OTHER MATCH: Monaco 1, France B 2.

GOLF

GULLANE, Scotland: British women's strokeplay championship: Leading second-round scores: 141: K Tebbet (E Devon), 71, 70. 142: J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry), 74, 68. 147: M McKinlay (Blairmore and Strone), 72, 75; S Lambert (Coombe Hill), 77, 70; J Morley (Sale), 74, 73; L Brooky (NZ), 70, 77.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: National Smallbore Championships: Elliot Lees Shield (county teams) 1, Hampshire, 2,329pts; 2, Surrey, 2,319. Sandra Wiltshire Trophy (women's teams). 1, Yorkshire, 1,742; 2, Sussex, 1,738. Hammond-Lamberg Cup (50m championship): R Wigger (US), 1,393; Junior 50m championship: C Brunetti (US), 1,374. Paul Smythe Trophy (class C or D): T le Cornu (St Johns), 1,363. Bob Davis Salver (county 50m): 1, Middlesex, 3,510; 2, Berkshire, 3,509. Ann Faulkner Memorial Trophy (class X; 100 yds): 1, J Stern (Harrow), 591; 2, P Scanlan (Romford), 589; 3, P Strong (Maidenhead), 587. Pethard Bowl (class A): A Eustance (E Barnet), 591. McCloud Cup (class B). M Kettle (Felbridge), 587. Jaeger Bowl (class C). R Ambrose (Barclaycard), 572. Ventora Cup (class D). S Lee (G and A Wardens), 567. Grand aggregate: Class A: K Gibbons (Appleton), 2,717. Class B: C Jacobs (SA), 2,719. Class C: T le Cornu (St John's), 2,687. Class D: G Thom (Sunderland), 2,643. Earl Roberts Trophy (teams of 10): 1, Britain, 3,812 (J Stern, 393; D Baker, 387; W Murray, 385), 2, United States, 3,803 (W Wright, 389; B Thorne, 387, M Suggs, 385).

HOCKEY

POZNAN, Poland: Men: Inter-Continental Cup: Group A: South Korea 5, Canada 2; Malaysia 3, Cuba 2. Group B: Argentina 4, South Africa 3, Belgium 5, France 0; India 5, Argentina 1.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Ipswich 47, Reading 61. Second division: Middlesbrough 66, Oxford 42; Sheffield 62, Swindon 46.

TENNIS

NOTTINGHAM: National junior championships: Under-18: Boys: Quarter-finals: L Milligan bt A Ostermeth, 6-2, 6-1; M Ingham bt M Coombs, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; J Fox bt J Hind, 6-2, 6-3. Semi-finals: T Spinks bt Milligan, 0-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; Fox bt Ingham, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5. Girls: Quarter-finals: L Jeffs bt J Ward, 6-4, 6-2; M Miller bt M Hughes, 6-4, 7-5; C Taylor bt T Croson, 6-0, 6-2. Semi-finals: Jeffs bt Z Mellis, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; Taylor bt Miller, 6-4, 6-2.

TORONTO: Women's tournament: Third round: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt H Sukova (Cz), 6-1, 6-1; J Halard (Fr) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 6-4, 4-6, 7-6, M J Fernandez (US) bt L Meskhi (Geo), 6-3, 6-3, N Tauziat (Fr) bt J Novotna (Cz), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, J Capriati (US) bt A Coetzer (SA), 6-0, 6-2, A Huber (Ger) bt L McNeil (US), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) bt K Maleeva (Bul), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

INDIANAPOLIS: Men's tournament: Third round: P Sampras (US) bt J Stark (US), 5-7, 7-6, 6-3; J Courier (US) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-2, 6-1; B Becker (Ger) bt A Cherkasov (Russ), 6-4, 7-5; L Mattar (Br) bt A Volkov (Russ), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; C Pioline (Fr) bt J Morgan (Aus), 6-4, 7-5; P Rafter (Aus) bt W Ferreira (SA), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; J Arias (US) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: Men's tournament: Second round: B Black (Zim) bt M Damm (Cz), 2-6, 6-1, 7-5, M Woodforde (Aus) bt S Sargsian (Armenia), 6-3, 6-3; M Rosset (Switz) bt C Woodruff (US), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 7-5, 6-3, A Agassi (US) bt D Nestor (Can), 6-4, 6-4; S Stolle (Aus) bt N Borwick (Aus), 7-6, 2-6, 6-4; I Lendl (US) bt J Rezenbrink (Ger), 6-7, 6-3, 6-2, R Krajicek (Holl) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 7-6, 6-2; K Jones (US) bt G Stafford (US), 6-3, 6-3, P Korda (Cz) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ), 6-3, 6-4; S Pescosolido (It) bt H Holm (Swe), 6-2, 7-5; T Ho (US) bt B Barrow, 6-3, 6-3.

Third round: Lendl bt Stolle, 6-2, 6-4; J Svensson (Swe) bt Krajicek, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Korda bt M Kaplan (SA), 7-6, 6-2; Medvedev bt Ho, 2-6, 7-6, 6-0; Woodforde bt Jones, 6-0, 6-3; Pescosolido bt Rosset, 6-1, 7-5; Black bt D Vacek (Cz), 6-3, 6-3; Agassi bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 6-1, 6-4

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Three wickets apiece for Fraser and Malcolm as Australia are forced to retreat

Bowlers put England in command

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

THE OVAL (second day of five): Australia, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are 141 runs behind England

ANGUS Fraser put many months of physical and mental strain triumphantly behind him yesterday. Providing the compelling control England have so badly missed, he rejoined forces with Devon Malcolm to send Australia into unaccustomed retreat in this sixth and final Cornhill Test match.

The pick-and-mix policy which has seen England employ ten specialist seam bowlers in this series, finally came up with an effective attack as Fraser and Malcolm, with the compatibility of chisel and hammer, broke down an Australian innings which most people had expected to put England's 380 into sorry perspective.

It is always a gamble to play Malcolm, such is his propensity for loss of control. It was undeniably a gamble to play Fraser, when his carefully nurtured rehabilitation from the pelvic injury of 1991 was showing only the first buds of fulfilment. But the selectors, derided throughout this melancholy summer, got it right in the end and Michael Atherton, whose influence in such matters can only be guessed at, may now contemplate his first victory as England captain.

Australia's only mitigation for their worst batting display of the summer is the fatigue of a tour that began four months ago and the unquantifiable sub-conscious response to a 4-0 cushion. They had no excuses in the pitch, which remains true, or the weather, which remained fair. Unlike England, who diminished their first-day platform with a series of frivolous strokes, they were genuinely bowled out.

In two spells, prior to lunch and tea, Malcolm bowled at a pace that nobody, on either side, has attained this season. The bounce available from this excellent pitch was all in his favour and the Australians must suddenly have thought they had been transported from the serenity of their English idyll to a more unpleasant ordeal in the Caribbean. It is there that Malcolm must now find himself this winter and, barring further cruel misfortune, it will surely be Fraser partnering him in the February Test at Sabina Park where, four winters ago, they bowled England to a momentous win.

Fraser, at least, had some batting business to complete at start of play yesterday. He extended his defiance of the first evening for a further 45 minutes and, in all, occupied 143 minutes before being last out, venturing something ambitious against Reiffel. His 28 fell one short of his best score in Test cricket but he will not mind that after the successes which were to follow.

> 'It is now the practice for Test cricketers to try and fool the umpires, whether by appealing melodramatically for a catch, or by not walking even when palpably caught ... the more players try to get away with, the harder it becomes for the umpires to get things right.'
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The first eye-opening sight of the Australian innings was that of Gooch standing under a helmet at short leg. The second was of the former captain, surely one of the oldest debutants in the bat-pad position, taking two catches there before lunch, one looping gently off Slater's top edge as he impetuously brought out the pull and the other sharply taken off Boon's inside edge and pad.

If Gooch, now on 99 Test catches, looked bucked by events, Malcolm, the bowler on both occasions, was rightly wreathed in smiles. When he came off for lunch, the crowd in the pavilion stand cheered him up the steps. It seemed, at the time, a premature response, for Australia have time and again found an antidote to adversity. But for once their decline was to continue virtually through the day.

Atherton summoned Fraser immediately after lunch and his third over brought the 37th Test wicket of which he must so often have despaired. It was a good one, too, thoroughly earned by a ball which darted back off the seam to cramp Mark Waugh's attempted cut and lifted sufficiently to take the top edge.

This brought together the Australians' two left-handers who, curiously, had previously shared only one partnership in the series, and that lasting a single over on the opening day of the first Test. Now, unusually, there was a pressing need for Border and Taylor, the captain and his deputy, to guide their team out of trouble.

They looked like succeeding, too, as with no undue alarms they added 79 authoritative runs, Border in particular piercing the field with regularity and precision. The instinct which identifies a good captain persuaded Atherton to recall Malcolm for one over before tea, however, and Taylor spoiled his meticulous groundwork with a cavalier thrash to backward point.

Malcolm was thoroughly fired up with Steve Waugh in his sights and the more taciturn of the twins looked no more convincing against the rising ball than he had when Curtly Ambrose was purveying it last winter. Somehow, he saw it through and, with Malcolm tiring, Waugh whipped him for three consecutive onside fours, though his expression remained as inscrutable as it had been throughout his toils.

Fraser, rhythmical and accurate, now bowled his most incisive spell, first hitting Waugh's off stump with a ball which straightened just enough and then having Border caught behind as he went for the square cut. Australia were only just past the follow-on mark and, when the persevering Steve Watkin removed Hughes and Reiffel in a single over, they seemed destined for a heavy deficit.

Not for the first time in the series, their ability to bat stoically right down the order was evident. Ian Healy being joined by Shane Warne in an unbroken ninth-wicket stand worth 43. It was a warning against complacency but no camouflage for the story of a day on which England at long last disowned the pie-thrower label and Fraser, glory be, looked the bowler of three years ago.

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IAN STEWART



Fast and furious: Malcolm, who finished with three for 70, unleashes a delivery during Australia's first innings at the Oval yesterday

SCOREBOARD FROM THE OVAL

England won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings

	6s	4s	Min	Ball
G A Gooch c Border b S Waugh — 56 — 10 90 66 *edged low catch to left of diving gully*				
*M A Atherton low b S Waugh — 50 — 9 153 94 *Played around turning ball to leg*				
G A Hick c Warne b May — 80 1 14 142 107 *loose cut to third man*				
M P Maynard b Warne — 20 — 3 38 34 *played no shot to top-spinner*				
N Hussain c Taylor b Warne — 30 — 6 61 54 *edged forward defensive to slip*				
†A J Stewart c Healy b Hughes — 76 1 12 117 94 *gloved hook off new ball*				
M R Ramprakash c Healy b Hughes — 6 — 1 23 22 *bouncing delivery edged to keeper*				
A R C Fraser b Reiffel — 28 — 4 140 92 *moving to leg side to cut*				
S L Watkin c S Waugh b Reiffel — 13 — 1 38 32 *cutting, edge to gully*				
P M Such c M Waugh b Hughes — 4 — 1 22 27 *ducking, off gloves to gully*				
D E Malcolm not out — 0 — — 2 0				
Extras (lb 7, w 1, nb 9) — 17				
Total (420min, 101.5 overs) — 380				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88 (Atherton 28), 2-143 (Hick 30), 3-177 (Hick 43), 4-231 (Hussain 16), 5-253 (Stewart 8), 6-272 (Stewart 21), 7-339 (Fraser 11), 8-363 (Fraser 19), 9-374 (Fraser 22).

BOWLING: Hughes 30-7-121-3 (10-2-59-0, 6-2-21-0, 6-3-23-1, 8-0-18-2); Reiffel 24-3-73-0 (nb 8) (7-0-24-0, 3-0-15-0, 7-1-14-0, 11.5-3-35-2); S Waugh 12-2-45-2 (one spell); Warne 20-5-70-2 (7-1-27-1, 13-4-43-1); M Waugh 1-0-17-0; May 10-3-32-1 (7-1-26-1, 3-2-6-0).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 50 in 61min, 10.2 overs; 100 in 110min, 22 overs. Lunch at 115-1 (Atherton 40, Hick 12), 25 overs. 150 in 156min, 34.2 overs; 200 in 215min, 49 overs. Tea at 237-4 (Hussain 21, Stewart 1), 56 overs. 250 in 253min, 59.4 overs; 300 in 314min, 76.3 overs, new ball taken at 339-6 after 86.1 overs. 350 in 380min, 91.5 overs.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

	6s	4s	Min	Ball
M A Taylor c Hussain b Malcolm — 70 — 10 181 134 *drive off back foot edged to deep gully*				
M J Slater c Gooch b Malcolm — 4 — 1 11 7 *mistimed hook skied to short leg*				
D C Boon c Gooch b Malcolm — 13 1 1 33 23 *bat-pad to short leg*				
M E Waugh c Stewart b Fraser — 10 — 1 37 26 *edged rising ball that moved back*				
*A R Border c Stewart b Fraser — 48 — 6 163 107 *edged cut, waist-high to keeper*				
S R Waugh b Fraser — 20 — 3 37 36 *played around outswinger*				
†I A Healy not out — 39 — 2 110 70				
M G Hughes c Ramprakash b Watkin — 7 — 1 25 25 *cross-batted shot to point*				
P R Reiffel c Maynard b Watkin — 0 — — 2 3 *followed ball outside off stump*				
S K Warne not out — 14 — 1 49 36				
Extras (b 3, lb 5, w 2, nb 4) — 14				
Total (8 wkts, 332min, 77 overs) — 239				

T B A May to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9 (Taylor 5), 2-30 (Taylor 11), 3-53 (Taylor 22), 4-132 (Border 30), 5-164 (Border 40), 6-181 (Healy 6), 7-196 (Healy 13), 8-196 (Healy 13).

BOWLING: Malcolm 20-4-70-3 (nb 2, w 1) (11-2-37-2, 7-2-24-1, 2-0-9-0); Watkin 23-4-65-2 (w 1) (7-1-17-0, 6-1-23-0, 6-2-9-2, 4-0-17-0); Fraser 20-3-63-3 (nb 3) (7-1-16-1, 4-0-22-0, 9-2-25-2); Such 14-4-32-0 (11-4-23-0, 3-0-9-0).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Lunch at 42-2 (Taylor 17, M Waugh 4), 15 overs. 50 in 79min, 18.2 overs; 100 in 146min, 34.1 overs. Tea at 134-4 (Border 31, S Waugh 1), 44 overs. 150 in 214 mins, 50.3 overs, 200 in 290min, 66.1 overs.

Umpires: B J Meyer and M J Kitchen.
Replay umpire: A A Jones.
Match referee: C H Lloyd.

Fraser pleased with day's work

ANGUS Fraser last night spoke for the three England quick bowlers — himself, Devon Malcolm and Steve Watkin — who were cheered loud and long by another capacity crowd at the Oval.

"I think we all bowled pretty well and it was great that we all finished up with some wickets," Fraser said. "We certainly appreciated the crowd's support, they were very keen to get behind us."

For Fraser, the day was a dream come true. He had struggled for thirty months trying to overcome a serious hip injury and admitted: "There were times last season when I got fed up.

"I'm feeling a bit tired now but it's nice to back in the England set-up, especially as I've had a reasonably good day."

Fraser, who took a wicket with his 17th delivery when Mark Waugh was caught behind said: "That made a big difference because it helped me to relax." Fraser, who later dismissed Steve Waugh, collected his fiftieth Test wicket when Allan Border snicked an attempted cut to Alec Stewart.

Malcolm had struck the early blows by removing Michael Slater and David Boon during his first six overs. "Devon bowled very quickly and certainly shook up a few of their players," Fraser said.

"I just hope now that we can knock over the last two wickets quickly so that I can put my feet up and watch our batsmen score lots of runs."

England's last victory over Australia was 19 Tests and more than six and a half years ago. But last night, almost for the first time this summer, the bookmakers made them favourites.

Fraser added a note of caution however "There's a long way to go in this match — there's a lot of cricket left in it," he said.

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Jackson glides to gold medal in record style

From David Powell
Athletics Correspondent
in Stuttgart

COLIN Jackson brought Britain its third gold medal and its second world record of the world championships here last night by winning the 110 metres hurdles with a performance as magnificent as Sally Gunnell's in the 400 metres hurdles the evening before. Tony Jarrett produced an English record to win the silver.

Nothing could detract from Jackson's night, not even the absence of Mark McKoy, the Olympic champion. Jackson destroyed a field that included the Olympic runner-up, Tony Dees, and the bronze medal-winner, Jack Pierce, both of the United States.

His time, 12.91sec, improved by 0.01sec the world record set by Roger Kingdom, another American, four years ago.

Jackson, 26, had established his advantage by the third hurdle and, from that point, his only opponent was himself. Any suggestion that he was a choker, a term that Dees had applied in describing Jackson, was dismissed as the Welshman glided over the ten barriers with near perfection. He touched the last but there was nobody to touch him.

"I want to be one of the best hurdlers ever and you cannot be one of the best hurdlers ever without winning a title," Jackson had said.

Now, he most certainly is, though to become *the* best he must take the Olympic title in 1996.

It was Jackson's first victory in a senior global championship, though he is European and Commonwealth champion. For Jarrett, too, it was the pinnacle of a fine career. Clocking 13.00, he improved by more than a tenth, adding a silver to the bronze he won in the last world championships in 1991.

Jackson was 12 when he first tried hurdling in his school sports hall, embarrassing himself in front of his classmates. The hurdling was fine but the telling off brought the blushes. So pleased with his effort was he that he went immediately to the front of the queue to try again.

"I was 12 and the teacher sent me out because he said I should have gone to the back," Jackson said.

Britain gained an unexpected silver medal in the 200 metres when John Regis chased home Frankie Fredericks, of Namibia. While Fredericks recorded 19.85sec, Regis became the first Briton to break 20 seconds, establishing a new national record of 19.94. Regis led coming off the bend but was passed by Fredericks in the closing 50 metres. Carl Lewis was third in 19.99.

Even before Jackson went to his marks last night, Britain's medal tally was increased from three to four. Mick Hill joined Christie, Gunnell and Jonathan Edwards, who won a bronze in the triple jump, as a medal-winner.

Dmitriy Polyunin, of Uzbekistan, who was third in the javelin on Monday, was tested positive for the steroid stanozolol and Hill moved up from fourth.

Steve Cram trailed in last in his semi-final of the 1,500 metres but Matthew Yates ensured that Britain has a representative in the final tomorrow. Yates looked comfortable as he qualified from the first semi-final; he was second behind Fermin Cacho, the Olympic champion, easing up well before the finish. He remains, though, an outsider for a medal as Rachid El Basir and Mohamed Suleiman, second and third at the Olympics, also progressed, as did Noureddine Morceli, the world champion and record holder, and Abdi Bile, the former world champion.

Sonia O'Sullivan, unsuccessful in her attempt at 3,000 metres to become the first woman from Ireland to win a world championship track medal, is trying again in the 1,500 metres. O'Sullivan, who was fourth behind three Chinese in the longer event, was the second fastest qualifier for the final tomorrow. Britain's only representative.

Sonia McGeorge, failed to progress.

While there has been much ado about Morceli's threat to boycott these championships, following his outstanding performances this season, Hassiba Boulmerka, his fellow Algerian, has been quietly going about the business of trying to become the most successful championship athlete of the decade. Should Boulmerka win the women's 1,500 metres final tomorrow, she would be the only athlete, man or woman, to win global titles in the same event in three successive years.

Of all the athletes who competed in the 1991 world championships and the 1992 Olympics, only Boulmerka, Marie-Jose Perec (400 metres) and Heike Henkel (high jump) won at both. Perec did not defend her 400 metres title and Henkel, though qualifying for the final today, withdrew because of injury. With three Chinese in the final, neither Boulmerka nor O'Sullivan can be confident of victory.

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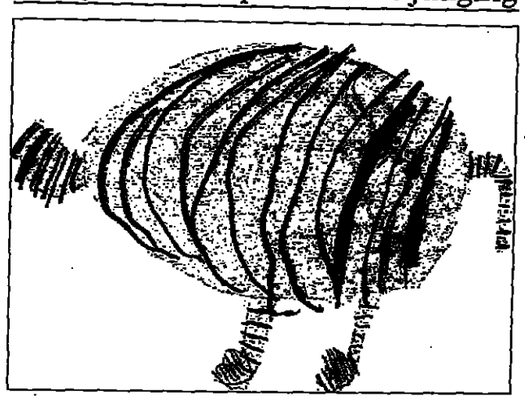


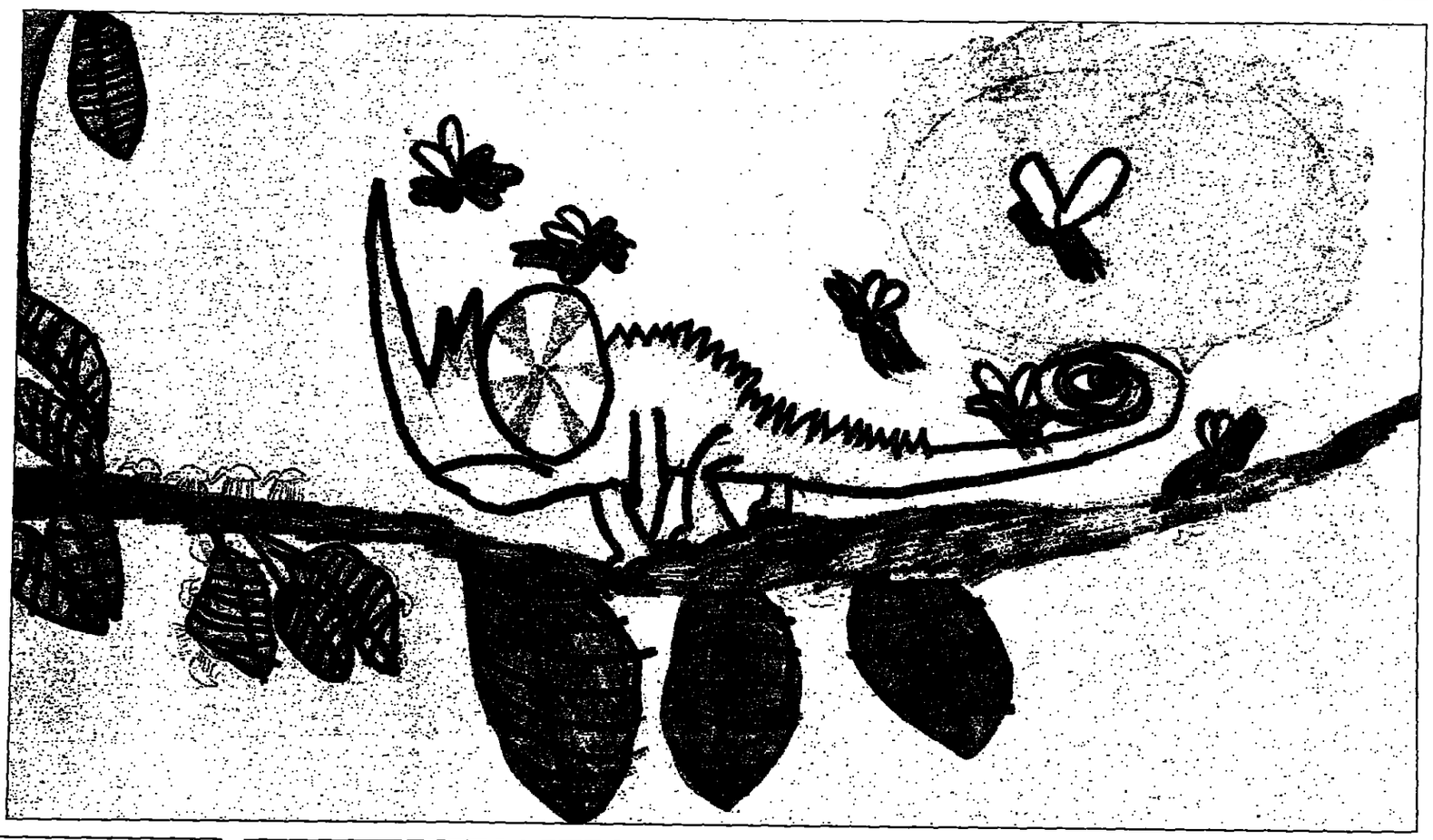
Jackson shows the class that helped him finish first

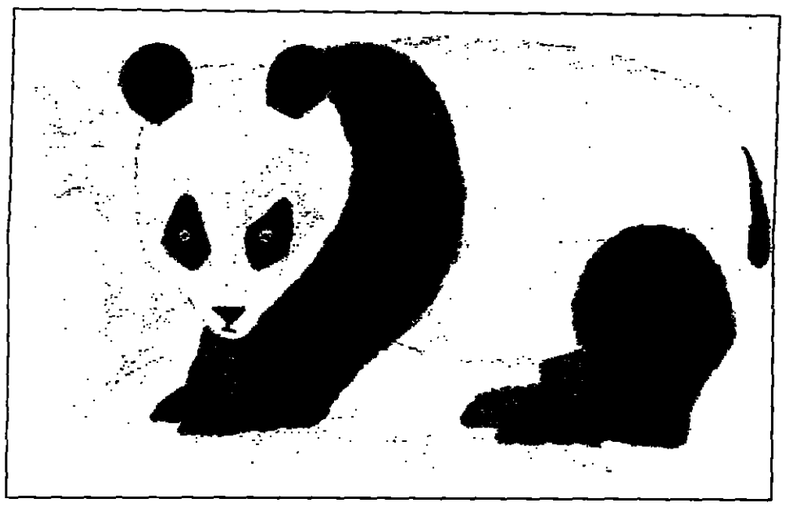
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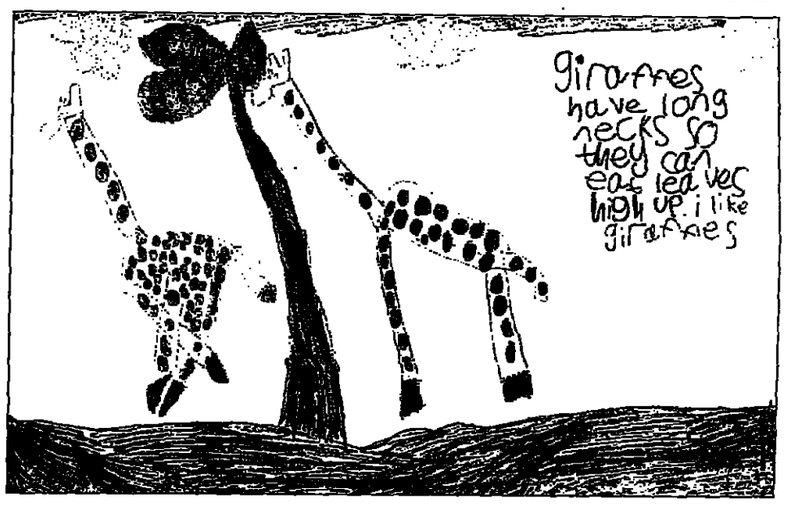
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Above right: Helen Crockett, joint four to five winner

We borrowed the editor's office for the judging: there was something satisfying about the way that under the dour oil portraits of his Victorian predecessors, a riot of wilder art spread over chairs, sofa, floor and desk.

This is the next generation, and so far they have no wish to paint men in suits. They prefer tigers, fish, huge grinning pandas and crocodiles with their mouths open. The judges from London Zoo were Mick Carman, head keeper with responsibility for the monkey kingdom, who kept recognizing the most unlikely creatures from what we took to be surreal daubs ("No, no, that's a bush baby, definitely, one of ours") and Sharon Ament, who combines zoo experience with a background in art history. Martin Rosen, a cartoonist and a board member of London Zoo, joined them with more professional expertise ("Ah! Chagall!") and I provided a meek lay voice ("I know crocodiles don't really have striped backsides, but it's awfully good, isn't it?"). The panel was chaired by Jane Owen, editor of *The Times* Weekend.

Of more than 500 entries, more than half came from the youngest group, the four to seven-year-olds: it was immediately decided that the category must be split into under and over-six. Even so, looking through them was a lot more enjoyable than allowing one's favourites to go on to the "nearly" pile. We judged on artistic merit and accuracy of observation: the best, however rough, were always the ones drawn from life.

As a reporter, I would have liked to award something for text: like Lawrence Rose's "I like tigers because they are big, clever and sly. I am sorry that they were nearly extinct"; or Olivia Jordan's, "This elephant is about to have a baby" (perhaps that is why it is bright blue). Animals provide every temperament with a comforting echo: Isobel Colchester, "I drew my snakes because I like the way they move because they're slow like me," while Theo Benedyk prefers violence: "I liked the crocodiles because they were nice and ugly, and they bite and they have lots of sharp teeth. They can fight hard."

We began with the five to six-year-olds, noticing with interest that sharks seem inordinately popular with the modern infant. We made our lives easier by sternly removing animals the zoo does not have. The art contingent was severe on derivative images: "That panda looks like Sooty," Sharon said. "That's a Beano tiger," Martin said.

Eventually, we narrowed it down to a pair of giraffes from Helen Crockett, whose observation of markings and brave stab at the galloping action were highly praised by the Zoo contingent: and Louise Cubbage, for her fierce, blobby tiger. Both are five years old.

The ensuing debate over the respective merits of the paintings lasted some time: the giraffes were accurate and pleasing and technically sophisticated, but there was something about the tiger which kept bringing it to the top of the pile. We could not take our eyes off it. Small children have an ability older artists often lose: the ability to look at something, take in its incredible, burning essence, and force you with passion to see it their way. Louise's tiger could not remain un-honoured. We declared a tie.

The six to seven group was even harder. The *joie de vivre* was there, accompanied by more technical skill and care; a very few were derivative (one was taken straight off a Whipsnade Zoo poster, and some bore the marks of parental contributions). Most, however, were a joy.

We all fell upon Thomas Neville's orang-utans, which were a furry work of design genius, but Mick said miserably: "We haven't any orangs. More's the pity". We were cheered up by a tortoise with a flowered hat on and the legend "I love torties because they never hurt you", and by Jacob Butcher's tiger whose face was so arrestingly like that of a senior executive of this newspaper that we checked the address on the back in case it was his next-door neighbour.

Mick Carman kept a watch on accuracy. "It says chimpanzee, but chimps don't have prehensile tails. So he hasn't looked". Others he picked up in fascination. "That is exactly how a python grips a tree. Exactly". A debate arose over two keepers shown holding hands in the background to a hippo-pool "Some of them do," Sharon said, darkly.

We narrowed it down to the Chagallish leopard and lion and snake from Samantha Stiefel, and to Andrew Wood's chameleon. I took it to be stylized, with its vast eye, but the Zoo contingent corrected me. "No, the colour is right, the insects around it are right, and the eye really is like that. He's looked". Andrew Wood, aged, seven won.

The eight to ten-year-olds showed a marked taste for birds, working hard to get the markings and colours right. The zoo judges were excited by that: "Amazingly perceptive; look, look, she's got the way the tail goes . . . a leopard does lie like that . . . Libby, you're holding that stick insect the wrong way up."

Ben Neville's tawny owl impressed Sharon immensely with its feathering, while an accomplished lion was rejected by those who mix with lions daily, as being clearly a copy of Aslan in the *Narnia* books. On the other hand, an extraordinary looking elephant in silver body-paint from Romily Dennys was apparently accurate: Martin Rosen pointed out that the zoo had an Elephant Weekend and painted them up in Indian style.

There was, however, a new constraint about these older children's pictures. Self-consciousness had crept in, and self-doubt, and sometimes the sense that an art teacher had told them what to see. I took more satisfaction in some of the texts. "I like crocodiles because they are related to dinosaurs. If I were a crocodile I'd ask my grandpa about the dinosaurs." "Even though I have not been to London Zoo since I was five I can still remember the spider monkeys. I remember when we gave them grass, and one monkey tried to give me grass. I feel sorry for the animals in the zoo, but I would not be able to see them any other way."

Many children had thought carefully about zoos: Alyson Quieros, aged nine, wrote: "Tigers roaming wild and free / That's the way their lives should be / But man has killed them and their homes / And now they can't be free to roam / The Zoo has saved them we can tell / But we must save their homes as well."

The best in this group, were excellent. It was a close finish between a stunning Persian leopard lying down, by Jessica Morris, aged eight, who had got the pads and markings exactly right, and Maktuno Suit, a year older, who sent a wonderful tiger head and won by a whisker. The zookeepers praised the whiskers, the nose, the patch of white on the ear; Martin Rosen was impressed by the way the black felt-tip had been bled into the yellow, giving a true furry blur; all of us were mesmerized by the eyes. They were savage and unsentimental. This tiger was not grateful for being conserved. It would like to eat you.

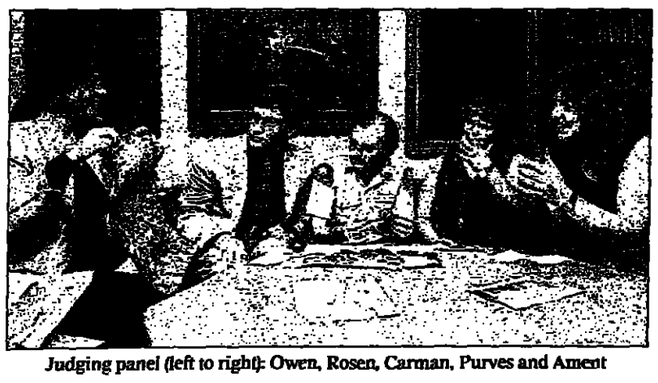
The oldest group — 11 to 14 — was the smallest entry, and in many ways the least joyful. GCSE's loom, the dead hand of a certain kind of Art teacher is all too easily felt: there was too much washy, unconfident drawing and over-precise, anxiously fussy accuracy. At the other extreme, the influence of cartoons was marked. Some, however, were still observing closely. An exchange between Sharon and Mick: "A lynx wouldn't look at you like that" — "Hah! you didn't see it when it was having it's jabs, did you, last week? It looked at me just like that."

Among the best were Eleanor Stride's Caracal Lynx, Dana Immanuel's rhino, and two stunning entries from twins Cecilia and Virginia Wechsler, who sent a reclining tiger and a pony. The tiger made it to the last two, but the winner was Kezia Hicks with a deceptively simple panda. The more we looked at it, the more we appreciated the design, the lack of cuddly Sootiness about it and its beady, threatening little eyes, expressing all the indifferent hostility of the real animal.

As for the texts, Emily Stenning's sums up the pragmatic realism of all the children. They know about conservation and endangered species, but they also know that they need the Zoo to feed their imaginations. She likes the rhinos best, enjoying their grumpiness and solidity. "I really want," she says, "to go to Africa, but my Dad says it is too much money. London Zoo is my only chance".

■ *Under the zoo's animal adoption scheme, the three younger winners will have an animal born this summer named after them. The two older winners will each be a keeper for a day. The winners and the 15 runners up, named above, automatically become members of London Zoo's Lifewatch scheme.*

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Judging panel (left to right): Owen, Rosen, Carman, Purves and Ament



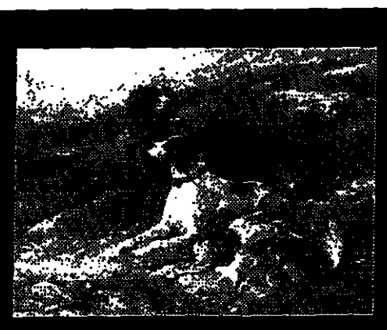
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Maktuno Suit (left) and Helen Crockett

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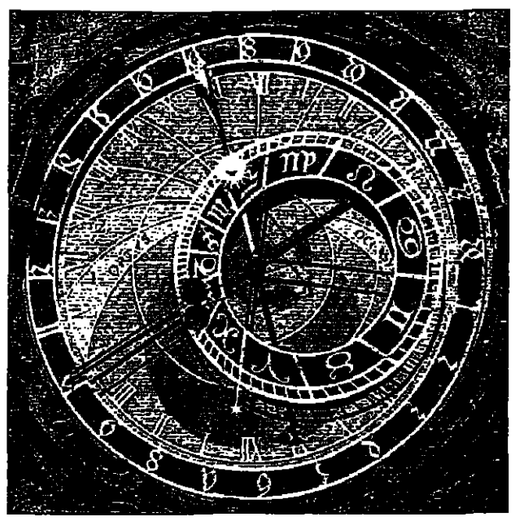


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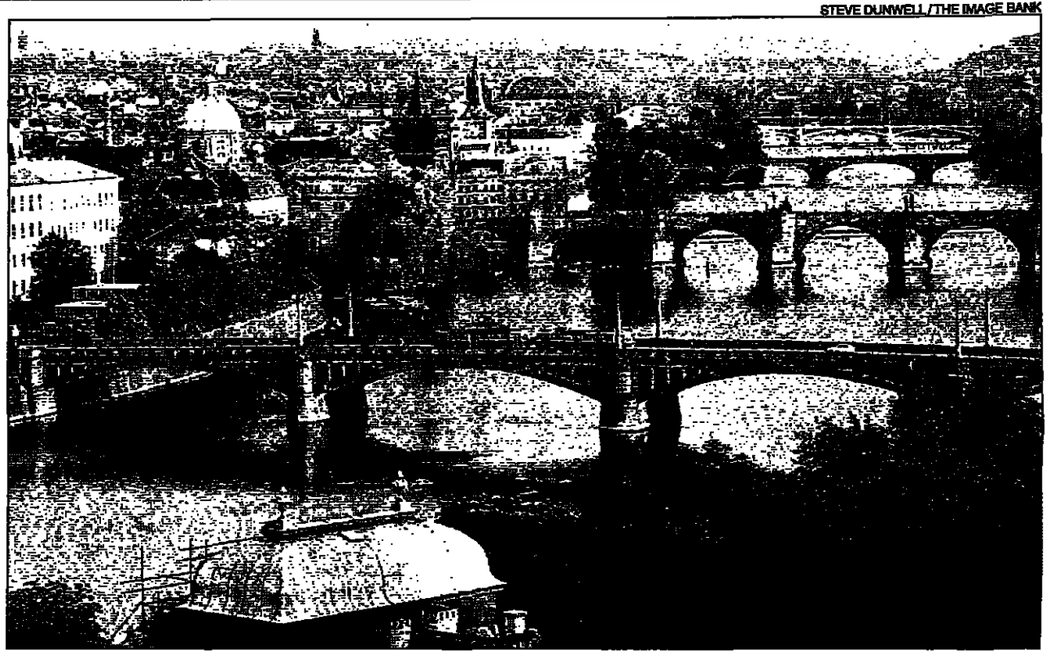


Prague, a city free to charm once more

Michael Knipe returns to Prague, where 25 years ago he witnessed the Soviet 'liberation'



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Above: breathtaking views of domes and spires show Prague has survived its chequered, often violent, history
Far left: the city's famous astronomical clock
Left: the Vlatava river flows between the four ancient towns on its banks

THE first time I walked down Wenceslas Square, the main boulevard of Prague, 25 years ago this month, the neo-Rennaissance façade of the National Museum was newly pock-marked by the gunfire of the Soviet army, tanks were deployed opposite the splendid art nouveau Europa Hotel, and embarrassed young Soviet soldiers were doing their best to ignore the jeers and catcalls of the Czechoslovaks they had come to "liberate from counter-revolutionary forces".

It was just days after the invasion, on the night of August 21, by the troops and tanks of the Warsaw Pact bent on snuffing out the liberalising influences of Alexander Dubcek's "communism with a human face". The smell of cordite was thick in the air, and young Czechs, caught plastering anti-Soviet placards, posters and Mimeographed newsletters on walls, were being dragged away by their hair and frog-marched into military wagons. At night, a curfew was enforced by random gunfire.

My second visit, a quarter of a century later, found the city under occupation by a different sort of army — multinational troops of tourists in richly hued shorts and T-shirts and armed with cameras; old and young, many of them mustered according to language by their guides and marched from one magnificent monument to the next.

Instead of tanks and guns there were street-traders selling souvenirs and buskers ranging from a dinner-jacketed tap-dancer to Peruvian gaucho bands.

I had feared the worst: in 1968, the wonders of what must surely be the most beautiful of Europe's capital cities were overshadowed by the oppressive presence of the occupation army. Even the cobblestones were being wretchedly scrunched by the steel tracks of the Soviet tanks.

This time around, the pleasures of Prague were threatened by the consequences of the "velvet" revolution of 1989. Cut off, first by war and then by the Iron Curtain, for more than 50 years, the Czech capital has become a magnet for all who relish cultural riches and architectural splendour. Last year, 83 million visitors were recorded — four times as many, annually, as before the overthrow of the communist regime — bringing in nearly £1 billion. Since the collapse of communism, the number of cars on the streets has increased by a third.

One might suspect that the city would be overwhelmed by all this international attention. But not a bit of it. Prague may be busier than for years, but it is coping with the onslaught as well as it coped with the occupation. The Czechs — and, no doubt, a few Slovaks — are enjoying their new entrepreneurial freedom, and the presence of so many tourists gives the city a celebratory air. The cultural and architectural sights of Prague are comfortably accessible; art galleries and concerts abound; traffic flows; cafés and restaurants are numerous, and service efficient.

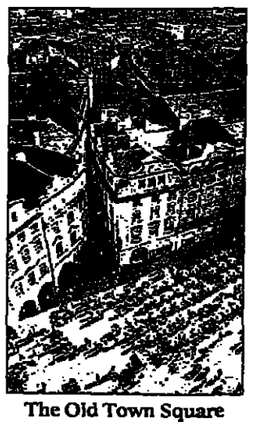
One of the Czech capital's attractions as a short-break holiday destination is that its delights are concentrated in a relatively small area and most can be accommodated in even the briefest of visits.

The city consists of four ancient towns — two on either side of the Vlatava river — each of which has its own historical character. On the west bank lie the Castle District *(Hradcany)*, and the Lesser Quarter *(Mala Strana)*; on the east lie the Old Town *(Stare Mesto)* and the New Town *(Nove Mesto)* which, despite its name, dates from the 13th century. I was able to make a leisurely exploration of all four in one day, returning for more detailed visits to each during the following two days.

Prague's physical beauty has remained extraordinarily intact. Romanesque, Gothic, baroque, Renaissance and neo-Latin buildings and monuments abound; nowhere else can quite match the range and concentration of architectural delights. Set among the forested hills of Bohemia, every vantage point offers breathtaking views of spires and palatial domes.

Wenceslas Square *(Vaclavske Namesti)* in the New Town is, in spite of its name, a broad tree-lined avenue resembling Barcelona's Las Ramblas. Below the National Museum is the equestrian statue of St Wenceslas, created in 1913 by Josef Myslbek, the founder of modern Czech sculpture. Beneath that is a more modest memorial to Jan Palach, the student whose ritual suicide by self-immolation in January 1969 came to symbolise Czechoslovak resentment at the Soviet invasion. Jan Palach would rejoice in the festive atmosphere of freedom that now pulses through Prague.

From the bottom of Wenceslas Square you can turn right into the street Na prikope, at one time the moat which surrounded the Old Town, which features *Obecni dum* (the Municipal House), the largest and most richly decorated art nouveau building in the city. To the north is the Stavovske Theatre, in which the premier of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* was staged in 1787. Near by is the Old Town Square with its statue of the religious reformer Jan Huss. Against a backdrop of pastel-coloured old houses with Renaissance, baroque and rococo façades, there are pavement cafés, souvenir stalls, glass-blowing demonstrators, folk music, buskers and, most famously, at the old town hall, the astronomical clock with its miniature statues of the apostles.



The Old Town Square

Dinner for two at U Prince restaurant in the Old Town Square with several glasses of Czech beer was £14 and accompanied by a New Orleans-style jazz band.

From the square, Parizska Street (lined with art nouveau façades) takes you to the remains of Prague's Jewish ghetto, first to the early Gothic architecture of the Old-New Synagogue and then to the 15th-century Old Jewish Cemetery containing 20,000 tombstones. On the southern side of the cemetery, there is the Pinkas Synagogue, a monument to the 77,000 Jewish victims of the Nazi occupation.

If you are energetic enough, you can walk from the remains of the ghetto to the river and to the Charles Bridge, a unique Gothic architectural complex adorned by majestic towers and lined with 28 statues of saints, sculpted by the most illustrious artists of the baroque period. The bridge is another focal point for Prague's Bohemian Renaissance of wine-drinking buskers, artists and souvenir vendors.

Crossing the bridge to the west bank brings you to the *Mala Strana* (the Lesser Quarter) which is, perhaps, the most picturesque part of the city, featuring a maze of winding streets, ancient cloisters, gardens and more than 200 baroque palaces. To the north of the Lesser Quarter lies the Castle district featuring, at the centre of a series of interlocking courtyards, the official residence of President Vlacav Havel. Within the castle complex are St Vitus Cathedral and Vladislav Hall, one of the largest medieval public rooms in Europe, and Golden Lane, a terrace of tiny medieval houses, where alchemists once practised their art.

On our second evening in Prague we dined at a small inn called David, between the *Mala Strana* and the Castle where, even with a bottle of French wine, our bill came to less than £30.

The next day, over a cold beer in the 700-year-old U Supa pub on Celetna Street, I fell into conversation with an elderly Czech who ruminated over the changes he had experienced, from the brief democracy between the world wars to the Nazi occupation, to postwar communism, the political "spring" of 1968, the Russian occupation and, lastly, the "velvet" revolution of 1989.

Since then, the cost of living had spiralled. He used to be able to buy a beer for a tenth of the 58 crowns (£1.30) it was costing us. But it was worth it to see Prague coming alive again. Jan Palach would have agreed with that.

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Sins sown in the past bring pain for the glum reaper

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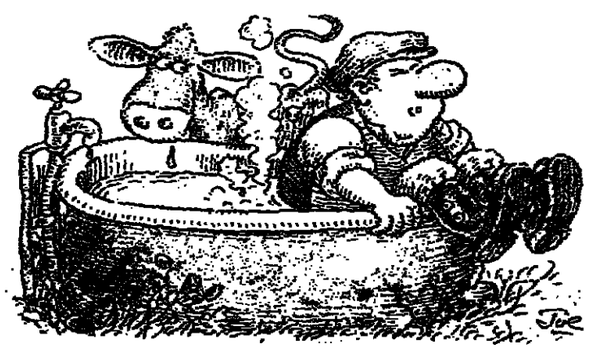
It would be quite understandable if one were to have "Be sure your sins will find you out" embroidered across one's heart, but if I were to tell you where these pertinent words are impressed on my body, you might be shocked.

My wife is in shock anyway, but not for the same reason. I came back to the farm after a short holiday and, wandered anxiously through the corn, as farmers do at this time of year; crucial harvesting decisions have to be made. I plucked a few heads of the wheat, rubbed them between my hands until I had a few grains, and chewed on them. I have an old book which tells me when wheat is ready to be cut (in the old-fashioned way, by making it into sheaves and stooking it in the field); it says it is ripe for cutting when the bitten grain of wheat ceases to yield a milky flow and becomes, instead, a cheesy one. Alas, the book does not say whether its author is thinking of Brie or Farmhouse Cheddar and so I opted to do what I have done in previous years and cut the corn when it suits me. Deciding that the time was right, I announced that I was going to fetch the binder.

There was a scream. It was my wife. The children froze, the cat hid, the chickens scuttled for shelter, Alice the pig dragged her floppy black ears over her eyes to pretend she had not heard anything, and our little farm was silent as it came to terms with the crisis in which it was living. Nothing, they all thought, would be the same until all was safely gathered in.

No one looks forward to binder-time on this farm. Even Robert, who comes to help, does not sleep easily the night before. I suppose it is all my fault. We are now approaching our third harvest and the last two have been sagas of blood, sweat and tears, underscored by ferocious outbursts of temper from me. During the first harvest, I carried a heavy stick with which to beat my antiquated harvesting machinery, the binder, into submission like Basil Fawlty thrashing a car, but Robert has banned it in case I lash out at him by mistake, or with intention.

But I calmed them all, told them things would be different this year, and spent a restful afternoon with my oil-can, forcing lubrication into the machine's arthritic gears until it



squeaked no more. Not once that afternoon did it even cross my mind to cut a stout stick from the hedge, just in case.

We headed for the oats, which were standing tall and proud, shimmering as the breeze caught their final moments of life, before the sharpened fangs of the binder-knife cut them in their prime. This poetic moment was followed by a symphonic afternoon as the percussive rhythm of the knotter mingled with the bass rumble of the ground-wheel as it dragged over the earth; the corn swayed with the panache of a well rehearsed chorus-line as it caught the revolving sails and, in its journey through the machine, kissed the tips of my boots in its dying moment between being standing corn and a lifeless sheaf. You will gather from this that we enjoyed ourselves that afternoon.

But then came the barley. Oh, what a tragedy compared to the light musical comedy of the previous day. I can only blame myself for, over the last three seasons, I have sowed the seeds of disaster in this field. It never ploughed well from the start; the land was sticky and hardly fell from the plough-breast, so the weeds of the previous season were never properly buried, but I thought I might be lucky. I harrowed the field in January and hoped it would drag some of the weed that was still showing. It didn't, but I thought I might be lucky. Then I rolled the field, but a little too soon, for the horses' feet left massive craters which I hoped would eventually fill. They did not. I was far from lucky.

And now I have a dismal crop of barley smothered with thistle, charlock and mayweed. But worse, the binder is finding every hollow and as it rises to every mound it lifts me from its iron seat and at every dip deposits me down on the head of the bolt that joins seat to machine. I have padded my rear end with old potato sacks and a cushion from the kitchen, but at least three times every minute the machine tattoos its message where it hurts most. For a change, I have no one to blame but myself. No machine to curse or strike. My sins have found me out, and many hot baths will flow beneath my fundament before I am allowed to forget them.

It's crunch time for the cobnut growers

The Kentish cobnut, a Victorian favourite, will be back in the high street soon. **Clive Fewins** reports

JULIAN HERBERT



Harvest of delight: Meg Game, of the Kentish Cobnuts Association, inspects the ripening nuts that will be ready next month



Sweet-tasting, crunchy, succulent: the home-grown nut

Today's the day the "nutters" have their picnic. They'll gather in a cobnut plantation near Ightham, in Kent, and celebrate the renewed success of the fresh, milky-white kernels with the smooth, crisp texture and sweet taste.

The cobnut, or filbert, harvest traditionally begins on on St Philibert's Day, August 20, as the nut in its traditional form is believed to have been named after the 7th-century French monk.

Host to 70 or so nut farmers from all over Kent will be Dr Meg Game, publicity officer for the Kentish Cobnuts Association, a marketing co-operative set up three years ago to promote Kentish cobnuts and revitalise the industry.

When she was a girl on the farm at Ightham, Dr Game watched her aging parents struggling to prune and maintain their four acres of cobnut plantation.

Later her thoughts turned to the 17th-century wit and diarist John Evelyn. In 1664 he wrote: "Filberts, a kinder and better sort of hasel-nut, of larger and longer shape and beard . . . are propagated on the hasel, and while more domestick . . . are seldom found in the coppices."

What a shame, Dr Game thought, if cheap foreign imports and the high cost of pruning and picking should mean Kentish cobnuts might once again become as rare as they evidently were in Evelyn's day, when there were only about 250 acres under cultivation. British production was declining rapidly.

It was not until the late 1980s when Dr Game, a physicist who had inherited her parents' farm, got together with some other growers, large and small, to form the Kentish Cobnuts Association.

There are now more than 70 members, though only 20 producers are commercial organisations of any size, and the total national crop is only about 10 tonnes, compared with the 8,000 tonnes Britain imports each year.

"There is still a big job to be done. People have grown so used to the dried, imported nuts that we have to re-educate them to the delights of the Kentish cobnut," said John Cannon, a farmer and chairman of the association. "In addition, we have to tackle the problems of the high cost of pruning and picking."

Kentish cobnuts — a cultivated form of hazelnut — were a great favourite in Victorian times. Their popularity continued up to the outbreak of the first world war, when 7,000 acres were in production and Britain had a thriving cobnut export trade to America. In earlier centuries, they also had been popular as a source of protein on sailing ships, since they are easy to store and one of the few fruits to keep fresh for months.

The traditional home of the Kentish cobnut was in the area of poor but well-drained soil around the villages of Ightham, Plaxtol and Platt, where they were grown on plantations known as "plats". However, like so many traditional unprocessed British foods, they have fallen from the public gaze. The cobnut we see in greengrocers shops is usually a kiln-dried product, generally imported from Spain or Turkey.

Home-grown nuts are sweet-tasting, crunchy, succulent — and eaten when the husks are still fresh and green. The proper name is Lambert's Filbert. It was developed by a Mrs Lambert of Goudhurst, Kent, in the early 1800s and gradually ousted other varieties because of its quality.

Next month, shoppers will be able to buy organic Kentish cobnuts at some branches of Sainsbury's, Safeway and Waitrose, as well as at many high street greengrocers.

"The price will be at least £1.50 a lb. But this is little more than the imported dried nuts and, for this, shoppers will be buying the real thing," Mr Cannon said. The nuts will be on sale only during September and early October, because they are picked green and the season is short. However, stored correctly in a loosely-fastened polythene bag at the back of a fridge, they will last until next spring.

"One of the best ways to acquire nuts is to make a day of it and come out and pick your own," Dr Game says. "Whole families of Turkish Cypriots from south London make a great party of it and come out on fine weekends in September and early October. They bring food and spend the day in the plat, maybe picking up to 100lb, for which they'll pay around 60p a pound."

A great stimulus to those keen to conserve the Kent plantations has come from the Countryside Commission. Dr Game and a dozen or so other owners of small plats have won grants from the commission's Countryside Stewardship scheme, designed to help protect and preserve small areas of traditional agriculture. Recipients, who must not be large commercial growers, receive a one-off payment of £8 for every derelict tree they bring back into production. For planting new trees they receive £250 a hectare for ten years.

A fencing grant is also available if they choose, like many small organic growers, to graze sheep in the plat.

"These grants have given a fresh vitality to the small producers," Dr Game says. "If I'd been told five years ago that people would be replanting nut trees in 1993 I simply wouldn't have believed it."

● *On September 14 a 28p stamp, "the frizzled filbert", will be issued in a new series of British postage stamps featuring autumn scenes. For an information sheet on the Kentish Cobnuts Association, where to obtain the nuts, farm gate sales and mail order, write to: Mrs Vivien Coleman, secretary, The Kentish Cobnuts Association, Clakkers House, Crouch, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 8PY.*

Feather report

The egrets have landed

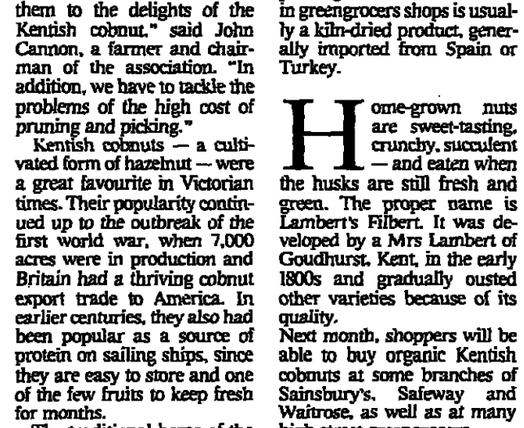
Tourists taking the water-taxi from Marco Polo airport to Venice often remark on the exquisite white herons feeding along the mainland shore. They are tall, elegant birds, with black beak and legs, and in the summer have two long plumes on their head. With a better view, one can also see downy plumes half-floating on their backs. They are little egrets — and the feathers on their backs are the *aigrettes* that milliners once used for trimming hats.

Until recently they were very rare birds in Britain, with just an occasional vagrant being recorded here at intervals of many years. But suddenly they have become more common — a very welcome contrast to the decline of many species here in the last decade or so. In the past three weeks, several hundred have been reported along the south coast, mainly in Devon, Dorset and Sussex. Particularly good places for watching them have been the Teign estuary and Poole harbour.

What seems to have happened is that they have been extending their breeding area up the west side of France. So some young egrets from the new French breeding sites have been wandering north across the channel to our shores. They will go further north before the summer is over — in fact, at least two have already been seen on Merseyside. They may turn up by the water's edge almost anywhere in Britain.

An even more exciting prospect is that they may become regular breeding birds. These young egrets travel for two reasons — to find good feeding places for a while before they are obliged by the weather to turn south again, and also to prospect for possible nesting places in the following year. There may be no room for them in their parents' breeding colonies, if large numbers of young have survived the winter — so it will be greatly to their advantage that they to have scouted around already. On the whole, though, the little egrets in the more northern parts of their range go south again in September and winter along the Mediterranean, where they join up with the greater part of the European breeding population.

They are sociable birds, but



Rare bird: the little egret is making a home in Britain

very silent during the winter months. Once nesting time comes, the picture is very different. I have seen the nesting colonies on the Nile dam above Cairo. Hundreds of pairs of birds build bulky nests together in the waterside trees, with buff-backed herons side by side with the little egrets. A perpetual din of snorts and groans and croakings comes from the settlement. They are quite tame in the trees, and there is no difficulty in distinguishing the two species.

Compared with the little egrets, the buff-backed herons are squat, hunchbacked birds. They have yellow beaks, and at this time of the year have a pinkish-brown flush on their heads and backs, whereas the little egrets have totally white plumage. You can also see that the buff-backed herons have reddish legs, while the black legs of the little egrets give way to yellow feet.

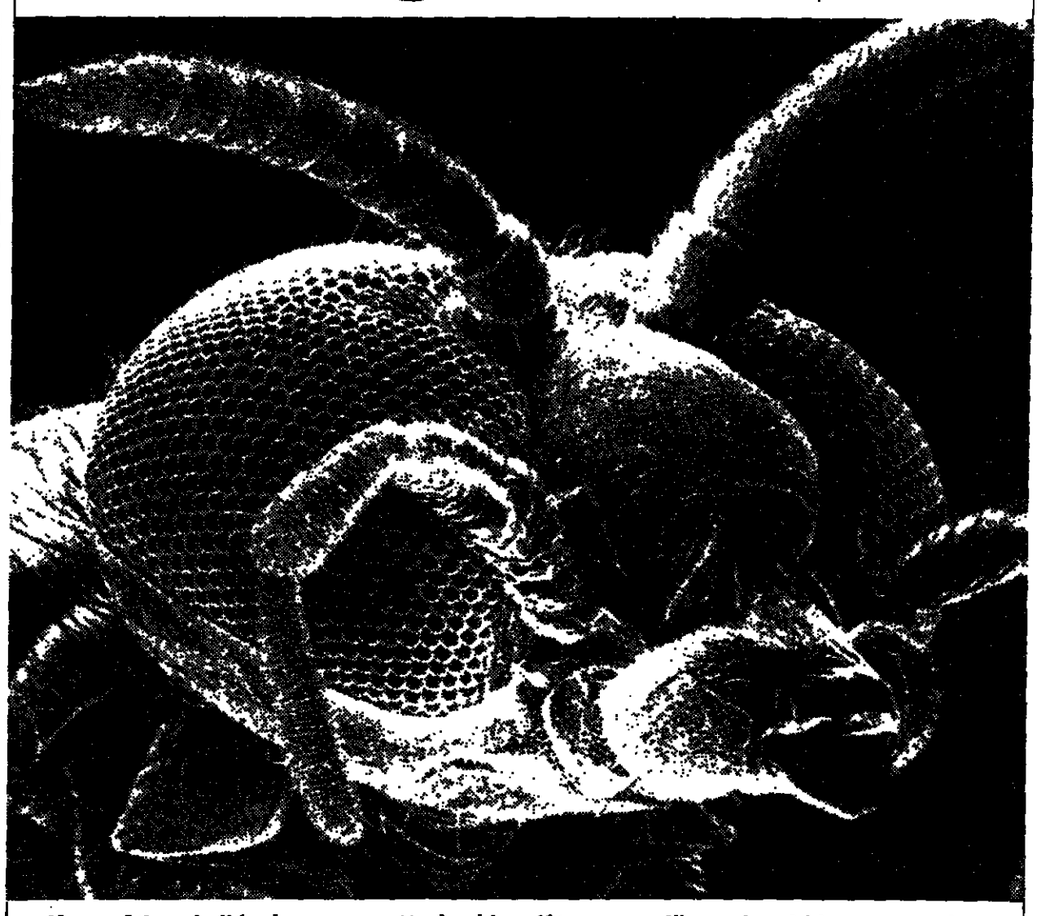
Although they nest together, the two species are less often seen feeding in the same place. The buff-backed herons, which are also known as cattle egrets, like to go into the fields and feed among the cows: visitors to Southern Spain know them well. However, the little egrets stay near water.

If we get one or two pairs of these wonderful creatures nesting here in the next few years we shall have something to rejoice over. And — who knows? — one day we shall perhaps have whole squealing, grunting colonies of them, waving their plumes in our willow trees.

DERWENT MAY

● **What's about:** *Birders — watch out for young warblers feeding in gardens. Twitchers — Spanish sparrow still on North Ronaldsay, Orkney; Paddyfield warbler on Guernsey. Details from Birdline, 0898 700222. Calls cost 48p a minute at peak rate, 36p a minute at all other times.*

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Garlic's cloves of many colours

JULIAN HERBERT



A job not to be sniffed at: student workers at Mersley Farm near Ryde, Isle of Wight, prepare the garlic crop for shipment as an essential kitchen seasoning and, for many, a valuable aid to good health

RESTAURANT WATCH

LIGHTER LOOK
London Hilton, Park Lane (071-493 8000)
For the next week the Windows on the World restaurant at the London Hilton will be closed for refurbishment. The chandeliers are going and a new, lighter, art deco look will come in. Trader Vic's remains open as does the Brasserie, which offers 15 different salads (popular with those using the Hilton health club). Grand Salad Bowl at the Brasserie from £5.50 to £8.25.

FISH FAIR
London Docklands Seafood Fair
This year's Seafood Fair will be on September 11-12, and seafood fanciers will make for Docklands, the area that appropriately contains Billingsgate market. More than 30,000 visitors are expected. A jellied eel eating competition and an oyster-opening contest show the range of the fair. There will be pop groups, jazz bands, street entertainers. Moored barges and street stalls will offer delicacies, and the Royal Navy will bring in the fisheries protection vessel Blackwater. Many snack bars and cafés will be open, and there are serious seafood plans at Manzi's (071-538 9615), Fino's (071-515 2600), The George (071-987 2954) and The Grapes (071-987 4396).

FREE FIZZ
Heathcote's Restaurant, Longridge, Preston, Lancashire (0772 784969)
Paul Heathcote opened his restaurant three years ago and earned his Michelin star in the first year. The Bolton-born chef (formerly at Raymond Blanc's Le Manoir Aux Quat' Saisons near Oxford) is having the place refurbished. When the work is complete at the beginning of next month, he will include a table that looks into his smart new kitchens, for nosey gastronomes. During September, Mr Heathcote will give a complimentary champagne cocktail to readers of *The Times* who quote this column when booking. He will provide a courtesy car to diners who want to stay the night at a local hotel, the Meadowside, at the special rate of £40 for two, b&b. Average à la carte dinner with wine £50.

FACELIFT
Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Midland, Peter Street, Manchester (061-236 3333)
When Holiday Inns took over the Midland, Manchester's grand hotel, northern gourmets worried about the French Restaurant. In fact, the fine Edwardian room was sympathetically restored as part of a £16 million facelift (22 coats of paint stripped from the woodwork for starters) and the food, with a new menu, is better than ever. The French Restaurant is open for dinner only (lunches are served in December). Menu Gastronomique £32.50.

FRANK JEFFERY

FOOD SPY

Garlic's potent presence in the kitchen and health shops has a flavourful history. **Drew Smith** crushes some misconceptions

More than 30,000 people are expected to gather at Arreton on the Isle of Wight this weekend for the garlic festival. Inspired by the festivities in Gilroy, California, where 90 per cent of all American garlic is grown, there will be a garlic queen, vampires, and garlics from across the globe, from Taiwan to Tijuana.

"It has the atmosphere of a 1960s pop festival. People don't just say they came, they say they were part of it," says Colin Boswell, one of the founders and the pioneer of garlic growing on the island.

Garlic festivals are becoming the thing. Last week it was Cognac; last month there was one at Lautrec, the capital of pink garlic; next month there will be a huge one at Beaumont de Lomagne, the French capital of white garlic.

Since June, much of the garlic that has been around has been dull, blunted, imported from Mexico, or emaciated stored Spanish bulbs from last year.

As garlic is a cultivar, *allium sativum*, not a variety, differences mostly depend on where it is grown. The bulbs respond and bulk up not just with heat, but with the length of the days: countries such as Portugal and Turkey, where there are cold winter nights, produce very hot garlics.

The garlic season has three phases. In May, the shoots are trimmed into salads and the tiny flower bulbils are as potent as the bulbs themselves. In June and July, briefly, there is fresh garlic. But now the main crop is about to arrive. Lifted in July, it has been gaining strength in the drying ever since.

White garlic, in fact, has a mahogany skin. Meeker and sourer than pink, it is the first crop. Pink or rose garlic is marginally sweeter and more intense, follows white and can last to December. Violet, which is hard to find in Britain, is heftier, mild, purer and, being closer to shallots, is prized in restaurant kitchens. The best pink garlic come from Lautrec and around Toulouse.

Next month the northern fields around Auvergne will come on line and last until February, but the bulbs are smaller and less potent than in the south. Italian garlic divides into two schools: the Venetian has a brilliant white skin, good keeping properties and is heavy and strong; the Naples style is rounder, flatter, with fatter cloves, but it doesn't keep. These two were models for Californian cultivation; the early Californian is a Naples style, the late, Venetian. These, with the southern French, are the aristocratic areas.

The size of the cloves puts the price up because the catering world finds the large ones are easier to skin. Garlic bought on the string will last up to two months longer than those bought loose or boxed.

Of 47 different garlics I found last week in markets in London, the Isle of Wight and Bordeaux, the best were from Lautrec, notably the Label Rouge, from Lucien Carayon; the violet via Roux Lamartine, in Nine Elms, and the Italian samples from Harvey Nichols.

The intensity of garlic makes comparisons difficult. To establish approximate benchmarks, I blanched the cloves at full power for 70 seconds in a microwave. This extinguished the heat sufficiently to reveal the underlying associations with potato and artichokes. The best white examples were mildly sour; the rose, discernibly sweeter, tasted of sweet chestnuts. The Isle of Wight samples were milder and the microwave translated them into sweet onions or milky chestnuts. The violet were lightly soured shallots.

The potency of garlic has always been its cross. Most non-regional French restaurant kitchens avoid it, preferring shallots or, at a pinch, violet garlic. If it is used, it is blanched. Antony Worrall Thompson claims in his new book *Supernosh* (Faber & Faber, £7.99) that the cloves for his garlic terrine are blanched in 19 changes of water to denude it of its fierceness. This sense of propriety is reflected in religious areas. In India, devout Hindus avoid it.

Potency comes from the allicin, brought about when two compounds, alliin and allinase, are released by cutting. This explains the different effects achieved by cutting, squashing with the side of a knife or crushing in a press.

Cooking stops the activity. When you cook garlic you are doing nothing more than simplifying what happens to create garlic capsules sold as health aids. Stephen Fulder argues in his book, *Garlic* (Thorsons, £2.99) that many capsules contain lower dosages than they should. He recommends popping cloves like pills.

Dried garlic, which most closely resembles the rank side of its tendency to smell of old socks, offers none of these medicinal or curative virtues. The literature of garlic is far more copious on the herbal/medical side (going back to Virgil and Hippocrates) than on the culinary side, where many writers — from John Evelyn who would not allow it in his salads, to Mrs Beeton; and even Tom Stobbard — did not share today's enthusiasm.

Garlic was a poor man's cure-all from the time it was first cultivated in Britain in 1540. In the first world war, surgeons used it as an antiseptic on wounds, with sphagnum moss. Mr Fulder endorses the idea that it thins the blood, and makes the fashionable association about countries having low instances of heart disease also having high consumptions of garlic.

This weekend's trek to the Isle of Wight is another step in the rehabilitation of garlic's reputation as a seasoning and healer.

DISH OF THE DAY

Chef: Betty Allen. **Age:** "Well, over 21."

Born: Edinburgh.

Hotel restaurant: The Airds Hotel, Port Appin, Strathclyde, Scotland (0631 73236).

Present: Originates and oversees the creation of what many claim to be the best dinners served in Scotland, assisted by her son Graeme, 26, who worked for two years at Claridge's in London and also with the Michelin-starred chefs, Sean Hill, of Gidleigh Park in Devon, and Nick Nairn, of Braeval Old Mill, Aberfoyle.

Past: Previously kept a small hotel at Largs in Ayrshire, but really started serious cooking (she is entirely self-taught) when she and her husband moved to Airds in 1978.

Future: "There will come a time when I leave the kitchen, but that will be only when I cannot do it any more. I find it very difficult not to be involved, because I really enjoy being there. Graeme does a lot of the work now, but I am always there at the service."

Personal: "The highlight of my day is opening the mail. I hate anyone else doing it. I always hope there will be something exciting. Really there never is. My favourite food is chips with fried egg. A tradition has been established that we eat this for each meal on the day we close for winter in mid-January. I look forward to it."

Dish: Strawberry shortcake with syllabub. "A dessert that was available only for a very short season, but this year we are growing our own strawberries for the first time, and have extended the season through the summer." Last of four courses in the Airds Hotel's £33 four-course table d'hôte dinner.

ROBIN YOUNG



Self-taught: many claim that Betty Allen serves the best dinners in Scotland

Batsman's great duck



Entertainers with sparkle: David and Thorunn Gower

ENTERTAINING AT HOME

David Gower, the Hampshire cricketer, pads up to play host

As a bachelor, I could always hold my own at the stove for the purpose of self-preservation. Marriage has changed things. Thorunn is the one who knows what goes on in the kitchen. She is a much better cook than I am and copes wonderfully with the vagaries of being married to someone who is away a lot playing cricket.

We tend to eat *à deux*, but a last-minute supper for a handful of friends is always possible. Or else we'll have a dinner party for eight, the ideal number around the dining-table at our new home in Romsey, a short drive from Hampshire cricket ground.

One of my favourite dishes is duck. But I have been superstitious about eating duck if I have to bat the next day ever since the summer of 1984, when I was playing for England against Pakistan at Lord's. The evening after they had scored 500, Allan Lamb, Robin Jackman and I went to a restaurant in St John's Wood where all three of us had *magrets de canard*. It haunted us the next day when all three of us failed to register with the scorers — three ducks!

One of the things about duck is that early-season mallard coincides with the end of the cricket season in mid-September. So there's no problem then about batting the following day.

Besides the kitchen, Thorunn looks after the garden. Raspberries, loganberries, gooseberries and blackcurrants; carrots, sprouts, beans, leeks, parsnips: there always seems to be something to put on the table when people come.

Right now, though, it's barbecues, and that's when I take over. Even though Sunday is a working day for me, Sunday evening in the middle of a home fixture is a good time. Barbecues are a very male thing, aren't they? And they give the women a good chance to get their own back if the men burn the meat to a frazzle.

When I was captain of Leicestershire I held an annual mass barbie for the team and friends, with about 70 or 80 people in fancy dress. Highlights included Jonathan Agnew, our opening bowler not known for his immense physique, arriving as Tarzan, and batsman Ian Butcher doing impressions of Rod Stewart.

Things are a bit quieter now. Our guests are most likely to be a mixture of people not necessarily connected with cricket. Even so, it's always nice to entertain cricketing friends when they are playing in our neck of the woods. We had an ideal opportunity the other day when Hampshire played the Australians. I invited Allan Border to join us and a few others at home.

He might be a cricketing foe but he has been a friend for many years so I always try to get him round when they tour, as a friendly gesture. Unfortunately, the last time the Australians were here in 1989, the gesture nearly went badly wrong. I was demonstrating "sabrage" — the art of lopping the top of a champagne bottle with a sabre. You run the sabre swiftly up the neck of the bottle and hit the glass rim which is holding the cork. The joint force of the gas and the sabre should whip off the rim and cork, leaving a nice clean but slightly shortened neck from which to pour.

I don't have a sabre, so I use an axe — just as effective, but a lot less stylish! The trick is a bit like batting: timing, and a steady hand. But on this occasion a shard of glass flew off the neck of the Bollinger and nicked Allan's cheek, drawing blood. Fortunately, the damage was minimal.

Thorunn has an Icelandic mother but was born in England. Visits from her family or relations always give us an excuse to entertain. Every now and again they bring over Icelandic delicacies such as smoked lamb, which you serve with a white or parsley sauce and potatoes. Or dried fish, which smells horrible but tastes superb.

The wine is my department. I know what I like and have taken it reasonably seriously since I was introduced to wine as a teenager at school in Kent. For a special occasion, I would normally start things off with Bollinger champagne, move on to something like a Chassagne-Montrachet, serve a Château Talbot or a similar red, and finish with a vintage Dow's port. Not a bad night.

We don't have a cellar at home, so I have to rely on a couple of temperature-controlled cabinets. I make a conscious effort to maintain my contacts in the wine trade so that the lines of supply remain open. These men tend to be good company, too, especially if they are anything like Geoff Merrill, one of Australia's finest wine-makers and very much a character. Anyone who likes wine and cricket can't be all that bad.

David Gower's duck
(serves 4)

- brace of early-season mallard duck
- 2 oranges
- 2tbsp clear honey
- ½ pt orange juice
- 1 glass red wine
- 1tbsp cornflour
- salt and pepper
- watercress

Fill ducks with shredded orange zest. Spread honey over legs and breast, cover with foil. Place on trivet in roasting tin. Roast in hot oven 220C/425F, gas mark 7, for 1½ hours. Remove foil for last 15 minutes to crisp. Remove the birds from tin, keep hot on serving dish. Skim off excess fat from tin. Add cornflour blended with orange juice. Add wine, the rest of the juice and blended cornflour and bring to the boil, stirring continuously. Salt and pepper to taste. Remove pith from oranges, cut into rings. Garnish birds with orange slices and watercress. Serve with new potatoes, beans and orange sauce.

Interview by Alasdair Riley

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Patterns of island eating

Frances Bissell translates the flavours of a Gozo summer to her English table



The TIMES COOK

DIANA LEADBETTER



SUMMER holiday cooking, for me, must include the Mediterranean dishes I cook when I visit my parents on the island of Gozo, just off the northwest coast of Malta. As it is so hot there, cooking is kept to a minimum and done only in the evenings, when we might braise a rabbit or barbecue some pork. I might find a good-size fish to bake instead of the usual small rock fish, which are used for soup. I am also very fond of *braccioli*, the Maltese beef rolls, a version of stuffed "birds".

Pudding will be fresh fruit, which at this time of the year is figs, both green and purple, peaches and prickly cactus pears. The pears, rubbed through a sieve to pulp and sharpened with lemon juice, can be made into jam, fools and ice-creams.

I use the leaves of grape vines to make a version of the Greek *dolmades*, probably with chopped pork, cooked rice, sage, mint and tomatoes.

Salads are often just tomatoes, or one of the garden vegetables, such as broccoli, blanched and dressed with herbs and a flavoursome vinaigrette.

Nothing beats Gozo bread. Baked twice a day in traditional brick ovens, it has a thick, hard crust and is moist and chewy inside. It is excellent for the Gozo version of bread and tomatoes, *hobz biz zejt*, and makes very good French toast and, with the crust removed, bread and butter pudding.

To recreate the taste of Gozo at home, I make a goat's cheese salad, and then either *braccioli* or a grouper fish, baked in the oven with white wine, mint and fennel.

I cannot recommend Maltese wines with this or any other food. Sicilian wine will do very nicely though, a dry white Malvasia, or the red Corvo.

Goat's cheese and broad bean salad

(serves 6)

250g mature French goat cheese log
2-3 garlic cloves, peeled and sliced
1tsp black peppercorns
½ pt/280ml extra virgin olive oil
12oz/340g broad beans, shelled weight
fresh thyme or summer savoury leaves, finely chopped
1-2 tbsp red wine vinegar

First, slice the goat's cheese into six pieces. Put in a bowl with the garlic, pepper and olive oil and marinate for 24 hours at least.

When ready to assemble the salad, drop the beans into boiling water and boil for three or four minutes, slightly more if the beans are tough and mature. Drain and rinse under cold water. Pop them out of their skins and spoon on to plates. Place a slice of goat's cheese on top. Mix the herbs with four tablespoons of the oil marinade and the vinegar. Spoon over the cheese and beans, and serve.

Note: marinated goat's cheese is a very good ingredient to have on hand. Slice two or three logs into a preserving jar, add bay leaves, peppercorns, garlic, fennel, or what you will and top up with olive oil. Seal the jar and keep refrigerated until required. Grilled goat's cheese on toast, something of a culinary cliché at one time, is very tasty.

Salad of peas, fennel and mint

(serves 6)

2-3 sprigs fresh mint leaves
¼ tsp coarse sea salt
freshly ground black pepper
4tbsp walnut, hazelnut or olive oil
1tbsp white wine vinegar
1tsp clear honey
1lb/455g peas, shelled weight
1lb/455g fennel bulb

Strip the mint leaves and put them in a mortar with the salt. Grind to a paste, and gradually add the rest of the vinaigrette ingredients, including the honey. Boil the peas for two minutes. Drain and refresh under cold water. Put in a bowl with the dressing. Trim the fennel and slice into thin segments. Add to the bowl and stir gently so that all the ingredients are well coated before serving.

Note: when buying fennel, choose a nicely rounded bulb, the female rather than the flatter male, which has far less flavour and not such a good texture. Scrubbed and boiled new potatoes make a good addition to the salad.

Fennel and mint baked grouper

(serves 4-6)

2½-3lb/1.10-1.35k grouper (or sea bream or wild salmon trout)
1 medium onion, peeled and thinly sliced
3 sprigs of mint
handful of herb fennel, or a thinly sliced fennel bulb
½ bottle dry white wine
2tbsp extra virgin olive oil
sea salt
freshly ground black pepper

Make sure the fish is scaled, gutted and cleaned. Rinse thoroughly under running water and dry with paper towels. Lightly oil a roasting tin, or a long ovenproof dish. Lay some of the onions on the bottom, some inside the fish cavity, and save the rest to lay on top. Reserve the tops of the mint sprigs and some of the fennel for garnish, and divide the rest between the bottom of the dish, the fish cavity and the top of the fish.

Pour the wine over the fish in the baking dish and sprinkle on the oil. Lightly season, cover loosely with foil and bake in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4, for about an hour. An exact cooking time cannot be given because much depends on the thickness of the fish at the thickest part. Some prefer their fish well-cooked, and others just slightly translucent in the centre.

Transfer the fish, when cooked, to a serving platter. Cover to keep it warm, but do not let it cook further. Pour the herbs, cooking juices and onions into a saucepan, bring to the boil, add more seasoning if necessary, and rub through a fine sieve around the fish. Decorate with mint and fennel. Fish cooked in this way is very good with boiled or steamed potatoes.

Braccioli (stuffed beef rolls)

(serves 8 as a starter, 4-6 as a main course)

8 2½-3oz/70-85g slices of rump steak
8 thin slices of ham, cooked or cured
2-3 shallots, peeled and finely chopped
2-3tbsp extra virgin olive oil
6oz/170g cooked rice, or 4oz/110g fresh breadcrumbs
3oz/85g freshly cooked peas
2tbsp capers
freshly ground black pepper
1 level tbsp flour
¼ pt/140ml red wine and ¼ pt/140ml beef stock, or ½ pt/280ml of either liquid

Flatten the beef between sheets of clingfilm. Place a slice of ham on each piece of beef. Fry the shallots in a frying pan in half the olive oil. When soft, put them in a bowl with the rest of the ingredients except for the liquid. Mix well and divide among the meat wrappers. Carefully roll up so that the filling does not escape, and secure closed with cocktail sticks.

Put the remaining olive oil in the frying pan, and well brown the *braccioli* all over. Transfer them to an ovenproof dish. Sprinkle the frying pan with flour and pour on about six tablespoons of liquid. Bring to the boil, scraping up any cooking residues, and as the sauce thickens, gradually stir in the rest of the liquid. Bring to the boil and pour it over the beef rolls. Cover loosely, and transfer to the oven, preheated to 180C/350F, gas mark 4, and cook for 45-60 minutes, uncovering for the last ten to 15 minutes to allow the meat to brown a little. This dish is delicious served with rice, boiled potatoes or wide pasta ribbons.

WHILE you have the oven on, bake a dish of figs in a wine syrup. Figs are imported to Britain throughout the summer, but I find them often over or under-ripe. Under-ripe figs are much improved by cooking and serving warm with a little syrup and a bowl of cold yoghurt. This is an excellent way of using up any leftover dessert wine. Otherwise, use ½ pt/280ml red or white wine, sweetened with 2-3tbsp sugar.

Baked figs

(serves 4-6)

8-12 slightly under-ripe figs
1oz/30g unsalted butter
½ pt/280ml dessert wine
1 orange with a good skin
6 cloves
toasted flaked almonds for garnish

Trim the hard stalk from the figs and rinse them thoroughly. Use the butter liberally to grease a baking dish. Put the figs in it. Peel thin slices of zest from the orange and tuck among the figs. Squeeze the juice over them and then pour on the wine. Distribute the cloves around the dish and dot with any remaining butter. Bake at 180C/350F, gas mark 6, for about 30 minutes. Transfer to a serving dish. Reduce the syrup, if you wish, and strain it over the figs. Serve warm or cold.

Sherry's many happy returns

Brighten up the dull days of summer with one of these fine, dry bottles, says **Jane MacQuitty**

ALAN WELLER



Good taste: Maria José Sevilla of the Spanish Embassy tries a distinctive sherry

A cool, deliciously dry glass of sherry is just right for miserable summers like this one. On dull days, crisp, squeaky-clean white wines tend to taste skinny and anaemic, while the fuller reds are hardly built for summer drinking.

Instead, one of the dry, yet richly flavoured new premium sherries, with that comforting extra dash of alcohol — at least 15.5 per cent compared to table wine's usual 12 per cent — fits the bill neatly.

A good bottle of summer sherry is such a joy to drink that I cannot understand why other folk fail to see its many benefits. What the older generation has not lost sight of, unlike younger drinkers, is fine sherry's extraordinarily high quality, coupled with excellent value for money. What other bottle can you find that has been aged for at least a decade and sells for not much more than a fiver?

With 19 million drinkers in Britain, it is the second-most popular drop in the country, after table wine (31 million drinkers), and easily ahead of whisky's 17 million fans. Yet the best bottles of sherry, often the drier styles, remain a drinking delight discovered by far too few people.

The best sherry news of recent years is that there was only a 3 per cent drop in 1992 sales, compared with 1991 — 2.8 million cases, against 2.9 million. This may not indicate the "gradual return to growth" that Harvey's of Bristol and others in the sherry industry hope for; sherry sales in Britain a decade ago totalled 4.7 million cases.

But, given the recession, along with the increase in sherry's value to £202.3 million in 1992, up from £198.5 million in 1991, it must surely be an indication that good sherry is beginning to appeal to more people.

Once rarities, but now well-distributed in the high street, Lustau has one of the best ranges of super premium sherries available now and a decent, ridiculously cheap, own-label range as well.

Start your summer sherry explorations with a modest half-bottle purchase from one of Safeway's Premium Solera, Emilio Lustau trio, at £3.35. The tangy, yeasty, manzanilla is the most summery in the range but the ripe, raisiny Old Oloroso has its place too, on colder days.

One level up from this Lustau is another, the Solera Reserva Dry Amontillado, Los Arcos, on sale at Oddbins for £5.99. True dry amontillados — produced by allowing the lighter, fino, sherries to age and gain colour and complexity in the cask — are still hard to come by. But this bone-dry Lustau bottling has an intensely full, nutty style with a lovely, lingering finish.

At the top of the Lustau range stand its highly distinctive aged, unblended almacenista sherries. Look out for their half of Amontillado Fino de Jerez, whose very fine, delicate, nutty style suits summer well. (Thresher group, £5.99).

For the driest of summer sherries, look out for Antonio Barbadillo's delicious manzanillas. His Solera Manzanilla, with its fine, yeasty-flowery style, is a cheap summer treat at £3.25 a half-bottle at Gateway and Somerfield. Even better value is Waitrose's gorgeous deep, pungent, spicy, floral Solera Jerezana Manzanilla at £4.99.

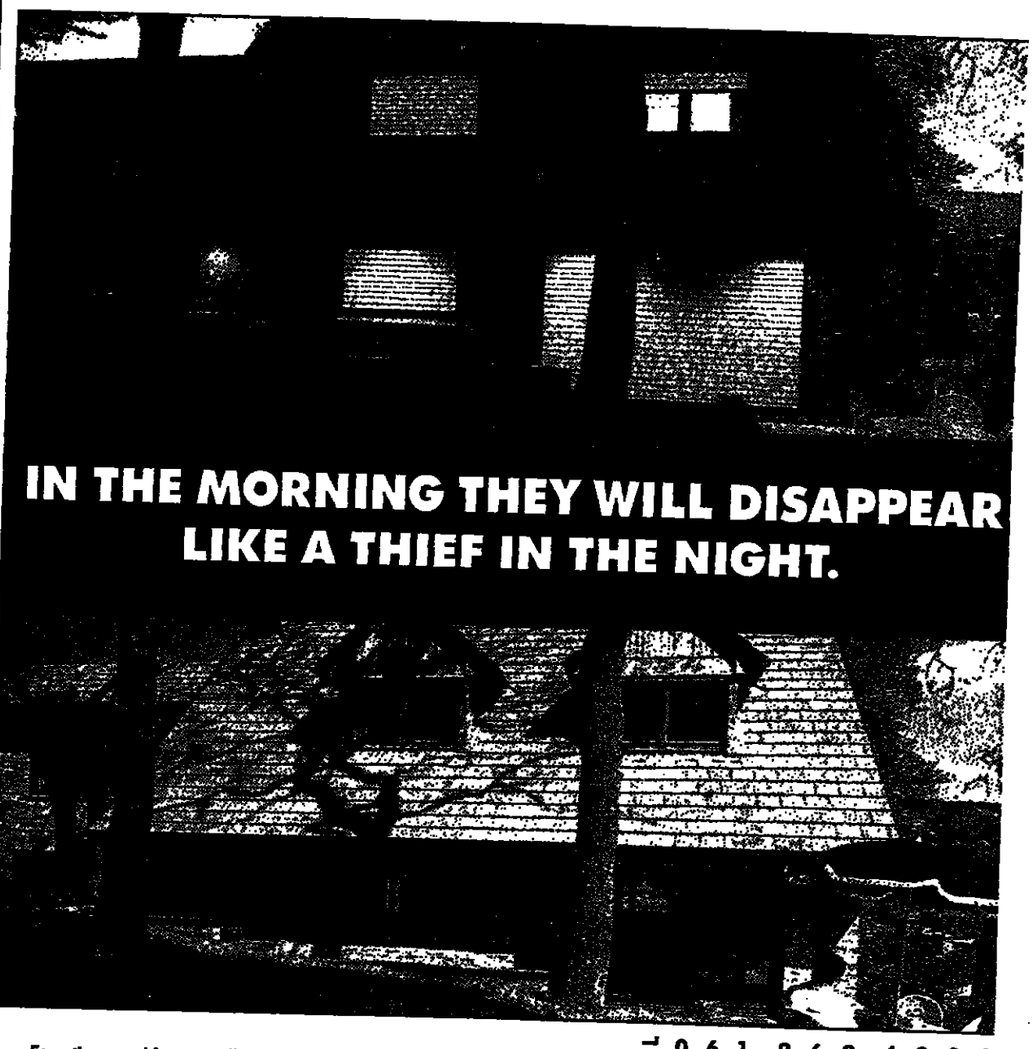
I would recommend Waitrose's entire own-label £4.99 Solera Jerezana range: all three are first-rate, with the tangy, nutty amontillado perhaps the finest. Less sea-salt dry are Jerez's finos, and Tesco has a Finest Solera Fino example with a yeasty nose and tangy palate for £4.92.

Palo Cortado sherry, a rare and intriguing halfway-house style, is worth seeking out on cooler summer days. Not as full on the palate as a dry oloroso and with the scent and finish of a lighter amontillado, it has given me much pleasure over the years. This summer's most stylish version is Lustau's half of Palo Cortado de Jerez (Threshers, £5.99).

Just because it is summer, do not ignore oloroso sherries. The older, drier versions such as Lustau's magnificent, walnut-flavoured Almacenista Oloroso Viejo de Jerez (Oddbins has a half-bottle bargain at £4.99) goes down with ease, chilled, even on warmer days. Sherry drinkers have never had it so good.

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Nicole Swengley checks out some of the latest small-screen TVs

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Now that miniature colour televisions have become Seriously Useful items, there is no need to miss the Big Match or a soap opera episode, no matter where you happen to be.

The new breed of pocket-sized, or palm-sized, television sets can be switched on in bed, over a meal, on holiday, or in a stationary car. They can also be used as a camcorder monitor to edit recorded footage.

Viewing has greatly improved since miniature televisions were introduced. Picture quality is surprisingly good considering the screen size, although most liquid-crystal displays still produce inferior pictures compared with conventional sets.

Colour and brightness of these sets can deteriorate when the set is viewed from an angle; and you cannot see the picture well in bright light or outdoors.

I tested four of the tiny television sets available at department stores and electrical shops, checking sound and picture quality. I discovered that the batteries last for only a few hours. Better at home is to use a mains adaptor.

To watch a very small screen over a long period can be a strain and the single earphone usually supplied may seem strange after personal stereo headphones.

Inevitably, the more expensive models perform best. But a television in the palm of your hand offers a command performance — even the cheapest exerted an irresistible fascination.

★ Stars are awarded to a maximum of five

Casio TV-7, £139.99.
Picture: ★★. Sound: ★★★. Size: 73mmW x 26mmD x 111 mmH. Screen size: 43mm x 30mm. Battery life: two hours. Tuning: for UK or Hong Kong only; other models for other countries. Standard accessories: test batteries, earphones. Optional accessories: mains, car lighter and outdoor aerial socket adaptors.
Verdict: very small size is the main attraction. Picture clarity varies with the viewing angle.

Sony FDL-390BE Colour Watchman, £299.99
Picture: ★★★. Sound: ★★★★. Size: 208mmW x 116.5mmD x 72.5mmH. Screen size: 44mm x 61mm. Battery life: eight hours. Optional accessories: earphones, rechargeable battery, adaptors for mains, car lighter, VCR, camcorder and outside aerial. Tuning: UK and Hong Kong: can be switched for Europe (except France).
Verdict: hard to find the best viewing angle to get clear picture. Sound was a little fuzzy.

Philips 3LC3150, £229.99
Picture: ★★★★. Sound: ★★★★★. Size: 127mmW x 51mmD x 111mmH. Screen size: 43mm x 64 mm. Battery life: about two hours. Accessories: mains adaptor. Optionals include: rechargeable battery, outdoor aerial adaptors. VCR and camcorder mounting. Tuning: pre-tuned for use in the United Kindom and Hong Kong only.
Verdict: good picture quality with strong colour; excellent sound.

Panasonic TC-L4G/E, £499.95
Picture: ★★★★★. Sound: ★★★★. Size: 138mmW x 55mmD x 110mmH. Screen size: 64mm x 81mm. Battery life: three hours — five in "save" mode. Accessories: remote control, mains adaptor. Optional: rechargeable battery, camcorder kit, VCR, car lighter and outdoor aerial adaptors. Tuning: for UK, Europe except France.
Verdict: picture almost as sharp as a standard set. Longer battery life than most pocket TVs.

Heard the one about radio's new comics?

Funnily enough, there are great laughs and talent around

I should really remember the date: it was a Saturday morning last summer. I was in bed, dismal at the prospect of *Loose Ends* on Radio 4. As I reached for the "off" button, a voice like Trevor McDonald's on the Plains of Armaggeddon announced that this was *On The Hour*. Thirty minutes later, I was gazing at the radio with much the feeling that Keats must have had on first reading Chapman's *Homer*.

A new planet had swung into my solar system of Kenneth Horne and Kenneth Williams. It takes a lot to dislodge the memory of heroes. Television, for me, will always be *The Likely Lads*, *Dad's Army*, *The Sweeney*, and *Noggin the Nog*. Everything since has been a confusing way of lighting a room. Until *On The Hour* I felt the same about radio comedy: nothing can touch the glorious dead of the 1950s and 1960s.

The beauty of *Round the Horne*, Tony Hancock, Joyce Grenfell and Peter Sellers was the timing and taste and talent — things which seemed to have died on radio. Until *On The Hour*, a hard-hitting news programme which led us through the horror of the world where news is god.

Every word was an axe to the heart of media and politics gone rancid. Out of *On The Hour* came Steve Coogan as Alan Partridge, the groin-strained, Pringle-sweatered sports commentator and chat-show host from hell.

Television casts a long shadow over radio. A popular Radio 4 show attracts 1.5 million listeners compared to 18 million viewers for television. For performers, writers and producers, the money and the fame make the tube irresistible. *On The Hour* is transferring to the screen next year as *Day To Day*. Anything with Steve Coogan, Chris Morris, Rebecca Front and Armando Iannucci is worth cancelling a wedding for.

On The Hour is part of a general re-birth in radio comedy. *A Look Back at the Nineties* has been the best of the rest. Here, the stroke of genius was to use the measured voice of Brian Perkins, the Radio 4 newsreader, to take us through bizarre events from 1994 to 1999. The series ended earlier this month, but there are plans for another run, covering the first decade of the next century. Caroline Leddy, the producer, has a new Radio 4 series, *Paris London*, with four of the best in new comedians, starting on August 26.

Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (Radio 1, tonight and Tuesday, 8.30pm) is produced by Sarah Smith and written and played by Stewart Lee and Richard Herring. It is smutty, sick and greasy, but saved by wit, pace and charm. "According to Jules Verne there are 20,000 leagues under the sea, which puts our own five divisions into some perspective." This made me laugh, but might leave you cold. In October Herring and Lee are to start another series on Radio 1 called *Fist Of Fun*.

Tony Gardiner and Phil Hammond feature in *Struck Off and Die* (Radio 4, Friday, 11pm), as doctors with a mission to pull the shroud from the medical profession. As producer Jon Magnusson puts it: "To understand doctors and nurses you have to understand what they laugh at." It is worth a try, especially if you expect to be involved in a road traffic accident at some point.

There is no point in explaining that radio offers the best way of laughing. Most book shops have a selection of tapes of the classics, which now includes *On The Hour* and, from September 26, Alan Partridge's *Knowing Me, Knowing You*. If you don't want to buy the tapes and hate the new boys, you can still catch *In the Psychiatrist's Chair* with Dr Anthony Clare. Sense of humour may vary, but no upper-lip could manage to stay stiff faced with the smooth-talking doctor and the psychic traumas of the rich and famous.

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Make the most of August with gardening writer **Rosemary Verey**, who advises on plant groupings that make stunning displays



Purple patch: Rosemary Verey among the *Acanthus*, monardas, *anguistifolium album*, anaphalis, lobelias and dainty "Esther Read"

Bordering on the dramatic

In high summer, there is a panorama of colour in our garden borders, a mingling of tones. We can stand back and see it as if through a wide-angled lens. By August, the first flush of summer freshness has faded and beds can become a trifle untidy; it is difficult to dress them to their June standard. The evenings are becoming cooler. Now is the time I think of as the "silly season", between high summer and autumn.

All is not lost. We can work on it and make spellbinding vignettes to capture our attention. Our best group has *Acanthus spinosus*, monardas, white *Epilobium anguistifolium album*, anaphalis, lobelias and the old-fashioned "Esther Read", an assemblage of mauves, deep and dusky pinks, and white.

These plants are all reliably hardy, except the lobelias, and will increase each year, adding their contribution until well into September. As individuals, they might not hold your attention but, as a group, they become a picture.

The acanthus is the centre-piece of the scene with its bold flower spikes, often 5ft-tall, erupting from the glossy dark green foliage. Encourage children to look carefully between the purple calix lobes and the white corolla of each flower and they will discover a "frog" lurking. In autumn, as the flowers mature, the seeds, first green then brown, become the feature along the cylindrical spikes. These are worth staking individually before the rain or wind prostrates them.

We group pale and deep purple, pink and white flowers around the acanthus. We have two monardas which have become intermingled. They are *Monarda fistulosa* "Prairie Night", a rich purple and *Monarda* "Croftway Pink", a lovely clear rose-pink. These two monardas react perfectly with the acanthus in shape and colour, both being close to the purple-pink shades in the spectrum. Behind these are spikes of deep velvet purple *Lobelia Vedrariensis*, already 5ft-tall and still growing. They are spectacular and always cause a comment. These are dug and wintered in a frame as a precaution against winter risks, but our stock of this has now increased so some will be left in the border, in the hope that they will survive and make bigger clumps next summer.

The lobelias are separated from another clump of *Monarda* "Prairie Night" by the perennial *Echinacea purpurea* grown from seed last year. They are hardy and, by this time next year, will have bulked up and should make a great contribution to this small part of the border.

The white flowers which echo the white corollas of the acanthus are all-important. The dual purpose *Anaphalis triplinervis* has starry "everlasting" flowers, which are white with a yellow centre. They are invaluable in the border for they keep their blooms well into autumn and are good for dried flower arrangements. *Achillea ptarmica* "The Pearl" may be invasive, but kept in control, it has an airy quality. Each double button flower is small and intensively white.

By contrast with the small button heads of the achillea is a patch of white Shasta daisies. These were bought as the old-fashioned double *Leucanthemum maximum* "Esther Read" but have turned out to be a single-flowered variety with a yellow eye. This is going to be removed, as the double flowers would make a greater impact.

Rather daringly, we have put in the white form of *Epilobium angustifolium*, Rose-bay Willow Herb. Daring, because it could be invasive, so we will assiduously pull any strangers and hope to keep it in its place. It has grown through the acanthus and together they look wonderful.

August is a month when it is essential to be firm, tidying back the June plants which have had their day. A group of the white viola *cornuta* have been cut back to their new growth. They will produce a few flowers this autumn but, more important, there will be plenty of material for cuttings and strong growth for next year's flowering. This has left bare spaces which are dull and unnecessary, so *Penstemon* "Alice Hindley" have been dropped in between the violas. These are already in flower and, miraculously, the soft mauve and the white of these again echo the colours of the acanthus.

Grouping these plants together is like making a flower arrangement in the house, but you must always seize the moment and catch these colours with the early morning light penetrating through them so that you can see how they brighten the border, bringing it to life on a dull sunless day. Go out again in the evening when the light has changed and you will find a different beauty.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Petal power: left to right, *Monarda* "Prairie Night", *Echinacea purpurea* and *Lobelia vedrariensis*

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☐ **T. Rex mask-making:** These workshops, run by sculptor David Swinton, offer a creative outlet for children in the grip of dinomania.
The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 9242). Tue-Thur, 11.30am and 2pm. Free. Museum admission: adults £4.50, children £2.20.

☐ **Summer botanical activities:** Pond-dipping, weaving and art are among activities on offer at one of Europe's oldest botanical gardens, for children in groups for five-sevens and eight-12s. Special event on Wednesday and Thursday is an environmental sculpture project with Red Earth.
Chelsea Physic Garden, 66 Royal Hospital Road, SW3 (071-352 5646). This week, Mon-Fri, then Aug 31-Sept 3, 9.30am-noon and 1-3.30pm. Free.

☐ **BAC Summer School:** This week's activities for the three-fives include The Magic Carpet, a large cloth game (Mon, Tue, 10.30am-midday) and Acting Adventures, drama workshops (Thur, Fri, 10.30-midday).
Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). £5, concs. £4.

ELSEWHERE

☐ **Edinburgh:** Children's circus workshops: Sparkie the Clown, Marion Kenny and Rachel Henson combine to teach juggling, unicycling, trapeze, and clowning.
FEAST at the Fringe, Venue 73, Edinburgh College of Art, Lauriston Place (031-228 9666/2234). Until Thur, noon. Adults £3.50, children £2.50.

☐ **Edinburgh:** QMW Theatre Company presents its stage adaptation of the classic children's story, *James and the Giant Peach*.
QMW Theatre Company, Venue 46, Church Hill Theatre, Morningside Road (031-447 7597). Sun-next Sat, 10.30am. Adults £3.50, children £3.

☐ **Halifax:** Future Play Week offers the chance to design the games of the future. Part of Eureka!'s Spring into Summer programme.
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Kenilworth Castle, Warwickshire (0926 52078). Next Sun and Mon: 2pm. Adults £3, concs. £2.25, children £1.50.

☐ **York:** More food for dinomaniacs: an animated monster show "The Living World of Dinosaurs" brings dinosaurs back to roaring, tail-thrashing life.
Yorkshire Museum, Museum Gardens (0904 629745). Daily until Oct 31, 10am-5pm (last admission 4.30pm). Museum admission (includes all exhibitions): adults £3; children and concs £1.75, family ticket (two adults, two children) £7; under-fives free.

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Reason and truth are the Unitarian guides

Ruth Gledhill joins the worshippers who praise 'the great force' and sing new hymns to some familiar tunes



GOD came into the service at the Hampstead Unitarian chapel, north London, only briefly, and then obliquely. "Let us join together in a spirit of prayer and meditation," said the minister, the Rev Dr Judith Walker-Riggs. "Oh thou great force of life, who some call God and others find too large to name at all, we live as part of thy blessed universe, so small upon the face of the earth, mere dots upon the infinite sea." This was the closest we came to traditional prayer during the hour-long service in this beautiful, honey and grey-coloured chapel on Rosslyn Hill. Although crosses featured in some of the stained-glass, and in the decor, there was no mention of Christ. We sang from an unashamedly liberal hymn book, with strange words, to familiar tunes, such as "Morning has Broken". In the welcome leaflet handed to me at the door, Dr Walker-Riggs gives a flavour of what was to come. "I am an unrepentant theist, atheist, agnostic, mystic humanist," she says.

Unitarianism, which has about 10,000 members in Britain but is strong in America, is on the edge of the Christian tradition. As a distinct religion, it dates from the Reformation era.

Unitarians reject the doctrine of the Trinity and the deification of Christ: they believe that Christ, along with all human beings, partakes of the divinity. They have no formal creed and are guided chiefly by reason and conscience. Church literature draws on the modern language of psychology. The church encourages people "to discover themselves", to embark on a "search for truth" throughout their lives. Unitarians are people "trying to make sense of life", and who have respect for the truth in themselves and in others.

To confess openly to Unitarianism remained a legal offence in Britain until 1813. Many, including the scientist Sir Isaac Newton, thought it safer to conform outwardly to the Church of England. It is a matter of pride at Hampstead that a congregation of "protestant dissenters" began worshipping there in 1692, and had become Unitarian for many years before the lifting of the legal ban.

Our service began with the lighting of a candle in a chalice by a member of the congregation. Mary Broughton-Wilson, who said: "Lighting the chalice is a celebration in my life, to say thank you to everybody who supported me so much last year when I was so ill."

Dr Walker-Riggs, formerly a minister in Kansas City, Missouri, continued: "We are here to be made whole, to set aside all that fractures us or makes us frantic, and to allow ourselves to be touched by that which is as constant as breathing or heart beats. We pray to let our reason and our passion keep us true to ourselves, true to each other and true to our vision of what we can together become." Then followed some of the most challenging church notices I have heard. We were invited to sandwich-making for the homeless, an open-air concert at nearby Kenwood, to support a Traidcraft stall selling coffee, dried fruits and spices after the service, and to donate money, food and clothes to those in need.

Few can leave the chapel without doing something for someone. The jumble sales are so renowned that they can become an unruly stampede. Alison Brooks, chair of the management committee, said the church had now taken to having "not-jumbles", cutting the hassle by phoning regulars and asking them to give £10 instead, or to give goods direct to social agencies.

The chapel looks small and quaint from outside, but inside it seemed large and spacious. A blue carpet and a variety of chairs gave it an informal feel. The chapel's tercentenary gift to itself, a £250,000 organ paid for by a legacy, is now being built up in the gallery.

Since Dr Walker-Riggs arrived last year, numbers have increased by a fifth to more than 150. Many in the congregation were American. Some, such as Alessandra Borbon, were ex-Catholics. Others, like William Ellington, described themselves as "devout atheists". They included writers, actresses, teachers, architects and others from the professional classes.

All sang heartily and listened intently as we moved into a "naming ceremony", the Unitarian equivalent of a Christening, of a baby boy, Alexander Lach. His family moved with him to the front and, in a simple ceremony, Dr Walker-Riggs gave him a red rose, to symbolise growth, life and beauty. "To him will come giving and taking, joy and sorrow, life," she said. We joined hands in a dedication prayer, the family took photographs and Dr Walker-Riggs read a poem: "The child asks why and then forgets to listen. The adult listens without knowing why."

The highlight was Dr Walker-Riggs's sermon on Giordano Bruno, the Italian philosopher and Dominican who was censured for unorthodoxy, captured by the Inquisition and burnt at the stake on the Campo dei Fiori in Rome in 1600. She said: "He would not stop asking questions. He asked what happened to Christ's teeth. Not his adult teeth, his milk teeth, those pearls of our Lord's innocence. They fell out. When he rose on the third day, did they rise with him? If so, how? Could any of Christ's body rot? It is easy to see how the monks could go off Bruno.

"In the end he rejected the doctrine of the Trinity, not because his faith was so small, but because it was so large. He accepted the Copernican discovery that the earth was not at the centre of the universe and never had been. Bruno felt the world was so much larger than religion let it be.

"In the months following his burning, the church fell into confusion on what to say about it. One cardinal denied he existed, and said if he had existed, the church did not burn him." Dr Walker-Riggs added: "That reminds me of my son, who says: 'I didn't do it, and if I did, I didn't mean to'."

As a Unitarian, Dr Walker-Riggs tries to separate "what is worth preserving and of permanent value" in the Christian religion from what has been damaging and limiting. After listening to her speak on the unfortunate Bruno, it was difficult to deny a need to do the same.

● *Sunday: 11am, morning service.*

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ARCHITECTURE: Mid-19th century Gothic-style, with 40ft-wide nave, indicating the importance nonconformists place on preaching. Kentish ragstone wallings and Bath stone doorways, tracery and copings.★★★★

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LITURGY: Secularised hymns, poems and short readings.★★

SERMON: Chilling dissertation on the religious persecution and burning at the stake of the Roman Catholic heretic Giordano Bruno, whose crimes included opposing Aristotelian doctrines and supporting Copernicus.★★★★★

SPIRITUAL HIGH: A rare feeling that freedom of thought, expression and conscience were acceptable and welcome.★★★★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Freshly-brewed coffee and date brownies, and the opportunity to debate theology with freethinkers from Hampstead and as far afield as St Albans. Congregation goes for a pub lunch once a month.★★★★

★ *stars are awarded to a maximum of five.*



MICHAEL POWELL

Trying to make sense of life: the Rev Dr Judith Walker-Riggs

BOOKMARKER

What the papers said:

Derwent May's bookbuyer's guide

5/5 *Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of reviews to date in the national broadsheet newspapers.*

4/5 **Good Lord!:** The eminent solicitor Lord Goodman took up plenty of space on the book pages last week, as he does wherever he goes. Nearly everyone found his memoirs, *Tell Them I'm On My Way* (Chapmans, £20) "compulsively readable", as Ian Aitken put it (perhaps not quite so compulsively) in *The Guardian*. Aitken thought "the Blessed Arnold" was "a very nice man"; however, he did also think that these were "among the most self-satisfied pages" he had ever read. John Grigg concurred on both points: "Despite the almost total absence of self-criticism, the book is thoroughly intriguing and delightful," he wrote in *The Sunday Telegraph*. "There are solid grounds for his self-satisfaction," Grigg added. "He has done much good in his life."

In *The Times*, Victoria Glendinning said that this "Grand Vizier to Britain's social, artistic, commercial and political bigwigs" had written an "outrageously entertaining book", but she was a little doubtful about some of his methods: "His anecdotes are lyric poems to wire-pulling." In *The Observer*, Peter Conrad dwelt on the importance of food to Goodman: "Even his legal career began with him defending a dog allegedly underfed by immigration officials." Anthony Howard wrote the fiercest review in *The Sunday Times*: Goodman is not "a trouble-shooter" but "an old oil-can", and the book's "stately prose" is "curiously archaic".
Col cms: 357.

3/5 **Ode to an Australian Ern:** Michael Hayward's book *The Ern Malley Affair* (Faber, £15.99) told the story of two young men who hoaxed the Australian literary world in 1943 by inventing poems by a fictitious modernist poet, "Ern Malley". Lines by Ern like "In the 25th year of my age/I find myself to be a dromedary" persuaded the pundits that they had found an outstanding new Australian poet. Most papers reviewed the book, but most reviewers were uncertain what the moral of the story was. James Buchan in *The Spectator* thought the hoax had succeeded in showing "the bankruptcy of an entire poetic tradition"; but Charles Osborne in *The Daily Telegraph* was more sympathetic to the view that "the two poets had, despite themselves, created some first-rate poems."
Col cms: 366.

2/5 **Wet walk:** J.G. Ramsay's *England, This England* (Sinclair-Stevenson, £16.99) is subtitled "In The Steps of J.B. Priestley". Perhaps that was the author's mistake. No one felt his book matched Priestley's *English Journey* of 1933. Fiona McCarthy in *The Observer* liked the fact that "he travels with great loves and with enormous irritations"; but Keith Waterhouse in *The Sunday Times* called it a "suitcase-toting, salesrep view of the country". Beryl Bainbridge in *The Daily Telegraph* said it was "fairly gloomy", and P.J. Kavanagh in *The Sunday Telegraph* found that Ramsay "complains throughout England".
Col cms: 223.

3/5 **Lo and be boiled:** Kenneth Lo, the Chinese restaurateur, has written his memoirs, *The Feast of My Life* (Doubleday, £16.99). "A collection of the most delectable memories of China", wrote Diana Hutchinson in the *Daily Mail*, evoking the Edwardian atmosphere of Lo's childhood home there, called Lo Lodge. "A joyous book by a serene philosopher", said Larry Adler in *The Daily Telegraph*, evoking the atmosphere of Lo's other "Memories of China" — his restaurant in London.
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A mower's progress is the rake's defeat

Francesca Greenoak tests the new mulch mowers that chop up clippings like a food processor and cut out the need for raking

Garden surveys show that women have less to do with lawn maintenance than men, and I admit to being conformist in this matter, at least. I find the regular promenade with the lawnmower a huge yawn — but I love grasses, and it is surprising how many species you can find in an ordinary domestic lawn. I also appreciate a well-kept, neat lawn, especially in a small garden such as mine.

So when I first heard of mulch mowers I was very excited by the idea, much used in America and on the Continent, but still a novelty in Britain. Throughout this summer, I've made a collection of them — the present count is five — to get some idea of how they work and how good they are, by testing the machines in home conditions. The idea behind mulch mowers, all of which are rotary, is that the cut grass is tossed about inside the hood which covers the blade, where it is chopped and rechopped — so that the final article, minced very small, is sprinkled lightly back on to the lawn.

So a mulch mower is a sort of lawn-mower-cum-food-processor, which eliminates the need for collecting mowings or raking them off the lawn.

In America, where the technology of mulch-mowing is quite advanced, horticultural research has been directed at how quickly the tiny mowings are reabsorbed into the ground. In dry weather, it was found, they disappear completely after seven to eight days: in damp conditions, after about a fortnight. In neither case do they contribute to the problem of thatch on a lawn, which is caused by old grass roots knitting together, not by mowings.

I have small lawns at home, but longer verges on the lane outside and nearly an acre of rough grass on an allotment that I am reclaiming from the wild. So, working as a family group, we had the opportunity to put the mowers through their paces on good going and on more challenging ground.

We used the Toro (£599), the Al-ko Okostar 4800 BM (£419.95), the Homelite (£359.95) and the self-propelled model (£439.95), and the battery-powered Ryobi (£439.50). All performed well on the lawn, giving a nice finish, and none had any trouble with the verges. Our rough ground (and some of it was very rough) is now practically tamed.

> We put them through their paces on challenging ground

All of us who took part in the testing have been surprised at the efficiency of these machines. The Toro, which the makers bill as a recycling machine and works in all weathers, is the most expensive, and we all felt it had the best performance overall. It is self-propelled, which we appreciated where the going was more difficult.

A key-start model is available for an additional £60, but pull-start machines are so efficient that this luxury seems hardly worth the extra. The Toro is more solidly built than the Homelite and has three walking speeds, but apart from price there was little to choose between them.

The Al-ko has the equivalent of a lean-burn engine which gives you more mow for your money; it gave the best finish on the close lawn, but was hard work on bumpy ground.

Al-Ko and Homelite have optional side discharge-chutes (the latter a doddle to fit; Al-Ko's a bit fiddly), which made easy going of longer grass, leaving the clippings in a line which you take the mower back over, to mulch-mow them.

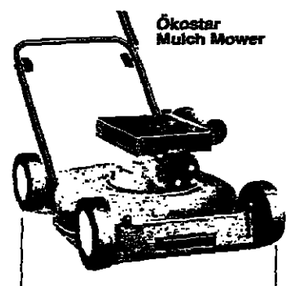
The Ryobi self-propelled machine is a sleek high-tech mulch mower. Streamlined and battery powered, it had a throaty purr rather than a roar. Having anticipated something of a gimmick, I was agreeably surprised by its performance.

Running time is 90 minutes, blade height is adjusted by one lever, and the moulded plastic body can nose easily under plants which overhang the lawn.

● *Suppliers: Toro Wheel Horse UK, 071-497 9707. Al-Ko Britain, 0207 590295. Ryobi Lawn and Garden (UK), 0684 294606. Homelite, 0630 658839, supplies a free mulch-mower advice leaflet.*

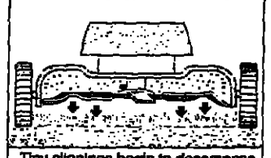


Start-up drill: one of the mulch mowers goes into action



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WEEKEND TIPS

● *Take healthy cuttings of fuchsia, pelargoniums, argyranthemums and helichrysums for next year.*

● *Cut back the canes of blackberries, raspberries and loganberries after they have finished fruiting.*

● *Begin picking early varieties of apple and pear, eat at once (most do not keep).*

● *Prune philadelphus and spiraea bushes if you have not already done so.*

● *Take cuttings of bay, honeysuckle and rosemary.*

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

KEN FOLLETT

Novelist



Where would you go?
Antigua. I have been there twice before in the past seven years. It's very charming in the way of Caribbean islands: it has beaches and turf and palm trees.

How would you get there?
Concorde — I know Concorde does not fly to Antigua but as this is a fantasy weekend I can have anything I want.

Where would you stay?
At Jumby Bay, a five-star hotel on a small island off the main island of Antigua. It is not a conventional hotel, but a series of bungalows dotted all over the island and has a communal restaurant. It is my favourite hotel in the world.

Who would be your perfect companion?
My wife Barbara.

What essential would you take?
A beach towel.

What medicines would accompany you?
Mosquito repellent.

What would you have to eat?
Good cooking is not normally one of the attractions of the Caribbean, but Jumby Bay has a wonderful French chef. My favourite dish is grilled swordfish with fried potatoes.

What would you have to drink?
Louis Latour's Corton-Charlemagne 1982.

Which books would you take to read?
A new Stephen King novel.

What music would you listen to?
ZZ Top's album *Eliminator*. ZZ Top are one of my favourite bands and *Eliminator* is their best album. I'm a rock and roller. I play the guitar in a blues band called The Bluesbury Group. We are a group of people of around the same age who are all in publishing or related businesses. We rent a grungy rehearsal studio and get together to play the blues once a week.

What would you watch on television?
Nothing.

What film would you watch?
Thelma and Louise. The film has in it the two movie stars who turn my legs to jelly. Susan Sarandon and Geena Davies are both terrific sex symbols for me, and when they are both in one movie it's heaven.

Would you play any sport?
Tennis.

What luxury would you have?
Ice-cream.

What piece of art would you like to have there?
I can't think of anything in particular. I'm not much of a person for pieces of art.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
Nigel Dempster. When you're having a good time, the last thing you want is a gossip columnist to come along and report it all wrong.

Which newspapers or journals would you read?
The *Financial Times* on Saturday and *The Observer* on Sunday.

What three things would you leave behind?
My computer, my portable phone and, because I would just want to veg out, I'd leave behind my personal organiser.

What three things would you most like to do?
Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Who would you send a postcard to?
My children — Barbara and I have five between us.

What souvenir would you bring home?
I never buy souvenirs.

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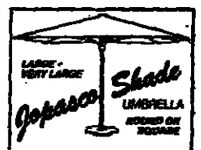


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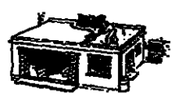
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Talking T-shirts versus monochrome reflections

Joe Joseph ignores the rising sun and heads for the streets of downtown Tokyo, where anyone can show individual style — so long as they don't try to do it all by themselves

There you are, walking quietly along a Tokyo street and minding your own business, when a complete stranger confronts you with the words: "Hey, spaceman, let's drink some milk together. Slap my back to the juicy juicy. It's Friday, isn't it?"

However, the jagged words are coming not from the man's mouth, but from his T-shirt. Sometimes Tokyo casualwear swears, but in such barking syntax that you can't feel angry. You just wonder if the wearer speaks enough English to realise that he is doing *nothing* for Anglo-Japanese understanding.

Wearing clothes that do the talking for you in English advertises a certain street-wise sartorial trendiness. Those Japanese who want to feel slightly more reassured of their sartorial elegance swap T-shirt gibberish for a snappier shorthand, such as "Armani", "Chanel" and "Versace".

Noboyuki Ota, secretary general of the Tokyo Fashion Designer Council, reckons that only 1 per cent of Parisians and 10 per cent of New Yorkers buy clothes by famous designers, whereas the figure among Tokyoites is 60 per cent. "Japanese colleges and universities are the only places in the world where the students dress in designer clothes," he claims.

Those Japanese who wish to signal that they *really* know about fashion might follow the all-black look championed by designer Yohji Yamamoto. "The topic of black is one that I can discuss for hours and feel there is no conclusion," he says. What Mr Yamamoto says during those monochrome hours are things like: "Leading an intellectual life, a person becomes sad, don't you think? Then the person can't bear to wear red or yellow."

But the flamboyantly fashion-conscious, those who are sure there is absolutely no risk of their having to catch the last bus home, might opt for something by Issey Miyake, who specialises in making women look like dramatic, shimmering pleated lampshades.

In between there is the army of businessmen in their uniform of blue suit and white shirt, with company pin peeking loyally out of their lapel like a bonsai carnation; the waves of office girls at lunch, dressed in prim company-issue uniforms that help them brew green tea and photocopy invoices more efficiently; the posses of schoolboys in their Prussian-military uniforms and schoolgirls in their navy-and-white sailor outfits, all carrying identical satchels.

Whether in dress or behaviour, the Japanese unbutton themselves within agreed, well-defined limits. As in London or New York, there *are*, of course, wayward types who dress with that individualism which results when nobody else would dream of dressing *that* way. But in Tokyo this kind of thing is rare; outside the capital, it provokes calls to the local police. Given that almost everyone in Japan has straight black hair, the Japanese had the option of standing out from the crowd with splashy individualistic wardrobes, or of abandoning any such attempt to be different by simply giving up the fight — they chose pacifism.

All the Japanese "salarymen", the country's corporate warriors, take comfort in their blue suits and white shirts. Every subway platform kiosk in Tokyo sells white shirts, presumably in case a salaryman, unsettled by a hangover, forgets himself and leaves home dressed in something that's inappropriately jazzy for the office, like stripes.

Three out of five Japanese women seem to share the same hairdresser, who furnishes them with an identical, cantilevered fringe, frozen in lacquer. When it became fashionable for girls to own a Tiffany open-heart necklace, Tiffany's in Tokyo was empty within minutes of the new stock arriving on the shelves.

But what about the "new humans", so-called by their elders because of their wayward manners, their madly-moussed punkish hairdos, and their go-to-hell clothes that are outlandish enough to convince older sober-suits that the human gene must have mutated in the younger generation? You can visit them any Sunday morning in Tokyo's Yoyogi Park, close to the trendy Harajuku fashion district.

In Yoyogi, you see avenues of young punk bands growling into microphones as rows of identically-dressed 12-year-old girls bob before them like second-string Tiller Girls. But when the police arrive mid-afternoon to wind up the show, Tokyo's Sex Pistolettes send the bass guitarist off to fetch their 1993-model Nissan van, load it up with their expensive instruments, and then produce dustpans and brooms and diligently sweep the performing pitch clear of litter.

These are rebels without any cause to worry about cash, and well enough raised to know that anyone can be an individual in Japan — just so long as you don't try to do it all by yourself.

● *Joe Joseph's book,* The Japanese: Strange but not Strangers, *was published this summer by Viking.*



RIGHT

Japanese yen to stand out: Naotake Iida (left) and Masataka Tsukada, both students, aged 19

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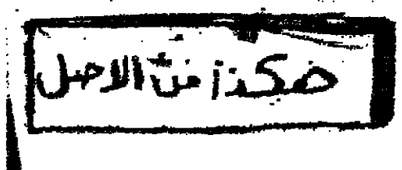
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Sayuri Suda, 17 (left), and Mika Ninomiya, 18, both telephone operators.

BELOW

Far left, Keiko Okamoto, 27, shop assistant, and Hitoshi Okamoto, 35, who works in publishing. Centre, students Junko Okamoto and Kento Nakahara, both 20. Below, students Hiromi Mashita and Yukio Shioya, also 20.





SPORTING LIFE

From the peak to the tube

For many, surfing means constantly pitching into the sea. With lessons, Alicia Drake soon became hooked

MARC ASPLAND



Steady as she goes: Alicia Drake gets the drift of surfing

My instructor, John Briant, was telling me that surfing is "a glamour sport. There's a whole culture attached to it: the clothing, the language, the vehicles — it's a real beach scene". But as I tottered down to the sea at Fistral beach, Cornwall, on a rainy, wind-swept day, wearing a sodden wet suit and wielding an eight-foot foam surfboard, I began to wonder if we were talking about the same activity.

This was my first lesson at the National Surfing Centre, Newquay, the school that promises to get you riding the waves in three hours.

There were nine other "wannabe surfies" in this absolute beginners' group, including a family of four and several confident-looking teenage boys. We sat on the sand as Mr Briant explained the basics. The big, hard-foam board was for safety, as "it can't hurt you and you can't hurt it"; the bigger the board, the easier it is to stand upright. While real surfies ride the green water — the unbroken wave — we started in white water nearer the shore, where the wave is more manageable.

On land, we practised lying on the surfboard, stomachs pressed to the board, hands level with our shoulders and gripping both sides, elbows in, head and shoulders up and toes just touching the tail. Easy when lying on the sand and even easier to forget when you're in the sea and about to be mown down by an approaching wave. We attached ourselves to the board by an ankle leash, which stops you losing the board when you fall off. Then we spent half an hour just lying on the board and catching waves, trying to get our bodies balanced and experiencing the rush of being picked up by white water.

Back on the beach, we next learnt to leap to our feet on the board. This is a bit like a squat thrust and should take you from a lying position to standing with knees bent and arms outstretched in one nimble movement. On land I could do it, but as I headed for the waves I was stopped short by Mr Briant, who warned me I might not have the upper body strength to do the "macho aggressive" leap when in the water. Instead, I was to try sliding on to both knees and balancing with my hands before standing upright.

The next 45 minutes were a disaster as I tried to combine both methods for standing up. There was a confusion of flailing limbs as I jumped on to one knee, let both hands go, stood on one foot and plunged head first into a foot of water. After about 30 falls, frustration set in, followed by panic that I would never master it.

The next big wave approached and I concentrated hard. While the water crashed, I felt the board surge, my knees came forward, and then I was up on my feet, grinning, whooping and whizzing into the shore. I was hooked.

By the end of the second lesson, I had learnt to move across the wave or "trim the board", instead of just surfing in a straight line towards the beach. The next stage is to paddle out beyond the breaking water to catch a wave as it starts to break, or "peak over".

Mr Briant said: "The surfer wants to take off on the peak, riding away from the white water across the wave while still staying close to the peak, where the power is." Ultimately, every surfer wants to try "the tube", which is when the wave spills over and forms a tunnel through which the surfer rides.

To surf the green water needs stamina, as you must paddle through the breaking waves to your starting point. Once there, the competition heats up, as Mr Briant explained: "You're looking for the peak of the wave, jostling for position with the other surfers, seeing who can paddle quickest, and trying to psyche each other out."

The surfer who takes off on the peak closest to the white water has right of way; it is ill-mannered and extremely dangerous to ride the same wave.

Time after time, I was certain the huge, oncoming wave was destined to be my first green-water ride. I paddled furiously and experienced momentary suspension on the crest before nosediving into the sea, my board shooting off behind. Such "wipe-outs" are made more memorable by the ankle leash acting like a bungee cord, pinging the board back to hit you as you emerge from the deep.

Surfing has developed a cult following, combining the power and magnetism of the sea with the thrill of personal physical challenge. Mr Briant, who has been surfing for more than 25 years, believes it teaches a respect for the sea. "You'll never beat it, but you can be in harmony for a couple of hours."

But Stewart Redman, a local surfer who has travelled the world in search of the perfect break, warned me: "Surfing is a form of addiction — it can become your whole life."

Make waves

☐ **British Surfing Association**
Chapel Porth, Penzance, Cornwall TR19, 2SS (0736 60275).
The national governing body for surfing. Membership £11 adults, £7 under-16s; benefits include public-liability insurance covering claims to a third party in the event of a surfing accident.

☐ **National Surfing Centre, Newquay** *(0637 850737, contact John Briant).*
A three-hour, beginners' session, including wet suit and board, costs £15, and lessons £25, four hours £35.

☐ **Newquay Surfing Holidays**
4 Blackpool Avenue, Newquay, Cornwall TR7 1DE (0637 872778).
Andyand Jocelyn Cole.
Arranges surfing holiday packages, including accommodation, lessons and equipment; one of cheapest is eight nights weekend (three-hour lessons, three days) for £70 (10 per cent reduction for students).

☐ **Equipment**
Wet suits, £70-£200; boards, £200-£350; second-hand boards, about £100. A full wet suit costs from £100; boards from £6 a day, £25 a week. Surfboard bags £30-£40.

☐ **Places to surf**
North coast of Devon and Cornwall are the most popular areas (e.g., Croyde, Putsborough, Westward Ho!, Fistral beach, Treyarnon, Constantine Bay). Wales: along the Gower Peninsula (e.g., Langland, Caswell Bay); Scotland: north coast (e.g., Sandwood Bay, Thurso), also Lothian and Borders (e.g., Pease Bay).

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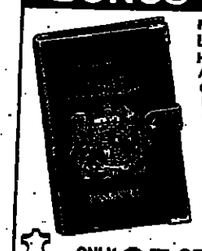


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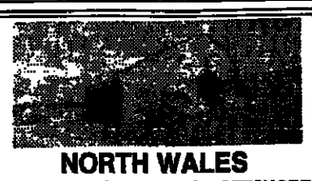
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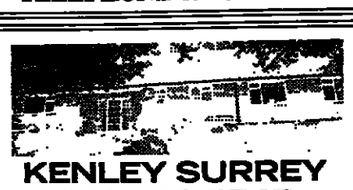
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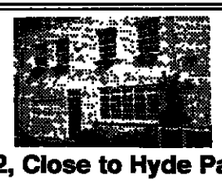
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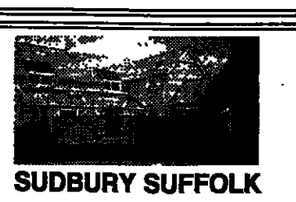
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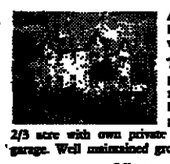
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Floored by soft options

Today's fashion is for plant-fibre carpets and kilims. **James Hepburn** reports

Until recently, the fitted carpet was considered the height of civilisation. It had taken centuries for floors to slide towards a full covering of Wilton. In houses from the pre-fitted age you can still see marks where owners dyed the boards to pretend that their carpet reached the skirting-board. *Sic transit gloria* to Axminster.

Designers now give a barely perceptible sniff when faced by wall-to-wall. Today's fashion is for bare boards and woven varieties of tropical reeds and plants. But despite the new wave of contempt, the fitted carpet remains the warmest, easiest, most comfortable and convenient soft flooring.

For guidance on fitted carpets I visited Terry Scriven at Carpet World in southwest London. As with all things, you get the carpet you pay for, Mr Scriven says. For under £3 a square metre there are various shades of earth dotted with an interesting frog-spawn design. The cheapest carpet materials sound more at home in a chemistry laboratory than on the hall floor, but the quality improves quickly. For under £10 a square metre you can find a good colour with a bit of thickness; over £20 you start to move into luxury and for £120 there is pure silk.

Carpets can also be made to any design, including your own. At the simplest, you pick a border to fringe a central design. With more ambition, you can entwine your initials with those of your dog.

Mr Scriven also sells the new types of rough natural flooring, but is a little puzzled that anyone should voluntarily choose material designed for a hut in the Nile Delta.

Much of the popularity of natural fibres comes from their neutrality. With a straw-coloured floor, you can go berserk on walls and furniture and keep sanity beneath your feet.

Coir, sisal and seagrass are the rough edge of the market: they are convenient for filing nails, not so good for bare feet. Coir is the hairiest, made from the fibres on coconut husks. Your doormat is probably made from coir. Seagrass and sisal are woven from tough twine — sisal is finer and more abrasive; seagrass is flatter and much reedier.

If you are looking for something less like volcanic rock, try jute, which has traditionally played an unseen role on the underside of carpets. Now it has wormed its way through to the top. Like sisal, jute takes well to dyes, but it is softer and generally easier on the eye.

Natural fibres need research, preparation and care. Seagrass is almost impossible to mark, but the others are easy to stain.

Most natural flooring is affected by moisture. It must be laid loose in position for at least 48 hours before fixing to allow for shrinkage. It has to be fixed very firmly on stairs and even then, with the rougher models, it is best to remove stilettos before descending.

The basic cost of these natural fibre floorings is from £10 to £25 a square metre, depending on the quality of pattern and weave. Designer models can go as high as £120 a square metre.

Of all the options for the floor, loose carpets are the most varied, perplexing and loveable. Coir and polypropylene have their points, but they are not objects of desire.

Phillips, the auctioneers, gave me a crash course on oriental carpets. These live in two worlds — the collectors' and the decorators'. With some exceptions, carpets stopped being collectable towards the end of the 19th century with the break-up of tribal life in the Muslim world. The finest oriental carpets were labours of love, made for family pride or the daughter's dowry.

You can still find antique carpets and later weaving which uses traditional methods. Prices can be steep — last year a 1920s Agra carpet sold for £36,000 — but also cheap enough to compete with velvet pile and luxury sisal.

If you want to break down the cost of beauty, there are antiques at auction for around £50 to £100 a square metre. The price depends on an impressionist mix of rarity, age, condition, fineness of weave and history. Books can tell you something, but the best education is to wander the shops and auction houses. If the thought of catching something from the long-dead disturbs you, the smarter chain stores have lines in new oriental carpets.

Kilim is Turkish for a flat-weave carpet. Nick Guy, at the Kilim Warehouse, southwest London, took me through the flat-weave story. Until the 1960s, kilims were thought rather common compared to their knotted cousins, but gradually they turned respectable.

Like carpets, kilims have been desecrated and plundered. Antiques donated over generations to grace the floors of Anatolian mosques now grace parquet in Chelsea. The modern versions, mostly from Turkey and Romania, sell for around £80 for a 6ft by 4ft weave. Older and finer weavings can fetch up to £30,000, but the best work starts at around £200.

As with carpets, kilims become more intriguing the more you explore. Most are made up of a complex system of symbols which date back thousands of years and have a hidden meaning. First you cover your floor, then you spend your life deciphering it.



Sign language: kilim designs are made up of a complex system of symbols with hidden meanings

Where to find the soft touch

☐ **Natural flooring**
Crucial Trading, stockists nationwide (0588 673666 for brochure and samples). Alternative Flooring Co (0264 335111). Tintawn Carpets, Leatherhead (0372 363393). Roger Oates, Ledbury, top end of the market (0531 632718).

☐ **Kilims and oriental carpets**
Kilim Warehouse (081-675 3122). Ananda Kilim Gallery, Brighton (0273 607772). Oriental Rug Gallery, St Albans (0727 41046). Also contact your nearest branch of Phillips or Sothebys for details of carpet sales.

☐ **The Victoria & Albert Museum** (071-938 8500) has a magnificent collection of oriental carpets. The finest pieces are kept under lock and key, but can be viewed by prior arrangement.

☐ **General carpets**
It is pointless to attempt to pick out stockists of general carpets, but I must mention Carpet World of Fulham (071-610 6833), where Mr Scriven gave me so much help. It is best to look for a stockist which offers the widest selection of natural and traditional flooring and full service from selection to fitting, with guarantees of quality.

Note: *the hard floor listing on August 7 omitted to mention Pisani Ltd, Marble and Granite Suppliers (081-568 5001).*

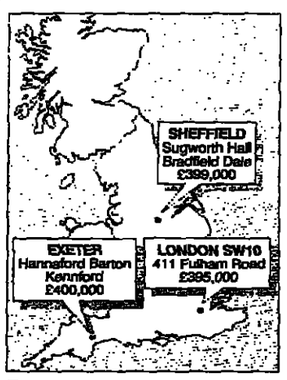


Beautiful gardens are the setting for three period houses. **Cheryl Taylor** reports



Yorkshire: Sugworth Hall, Bradfield Dale, Sheffield. Grade II listed 16th-century hall and cottage set in ten acres of landscaped gardens and paddocks, within the Peak District National Park. Nine bedrooms, four bathrooms (one en suite), six reception room, kitchen, utility room, two cloakrooms and watch tower. Self-contained three-bedroom cottage. About £399,000 (0742 767635) for an 85-year lease (GA Property Services, 0742 767635).

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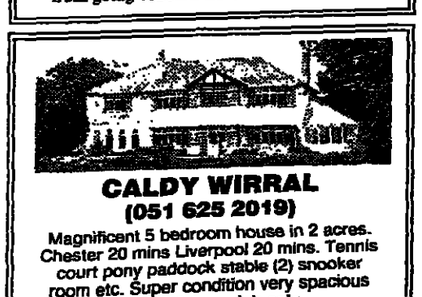
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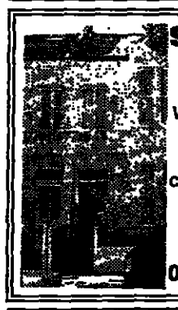
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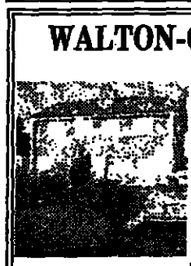
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First-time bowls player **Helen Pickles** swaps her pride for a challenge

Fast mover in the slow lane

I wished I'd had my tennis racket. As I walked through the gateway of Gosforth Bowling Club my street cred dissolved under the stares of the nearby schoolchildren. Who, for heaven's sake, plays bowls when under bus-pass age? As the gate also led to tennis courts, I could have pretended I was going there, rather than to the geriatrically creaking greensward, a sea of white caps, sensible skirts and men in woolly cardigans.

Bowls, as we all know, is a game for sunset years, life in the slow lane. Well, not entirely. The world of bowls may move arthritically — some clubs still view a woman on their greens with horror — but they are cottoning on to the "yoof" market.

Last season, for the first time, two 15-year-olds won through to the finals of the National Championships. (Not so long ago, their age would have barred them from membership of a club). And, in the City, come the summer, some of the young stripes-and-braces brigade forego the lunchtime wine bars to meet at Finsbury Park for a roll-up.

A roll-up is the unintentionally trendy-sounding term to describe a social, as opposed to a competitive, game. "The beauty of bowls," says Fred Inch, deputy secretary of the English Bowling Association, "is that you can play in your lunch hour; all you need to do is change your shoes. Even with a full, two-hour game, there's time to get a game in after work and get to the 22nd end." The 22nd end is the bowling equivalent of the 19th hole.

Gordon Tate, aged 72, was teetotal until Gosforth BC installed a bar, not that we should make any connection between the two events, of course. Mr Tate, the club treasurer and Northumberland county secretary, was to be my instructor. "As we're at the beginning of the season, the green is still very, very heavy," he said, nodding at the manicured lawn, "although this is considered one of the fastest greens in Northumberland. "Of course," he added, gazing caustically at my trousers, "you won't know anything about greens." (I had not appreciated that bowling clubs still think only men can wear trousers.) "The experts prefer greens to be fast because then the bowls go slowly."

The temperament of the green is the only illogical thing about bowls. (On a fast green, a bowl takes longer to stop, so more skill is required).

Otherwise, it's a straightforward game. Played over an 18ft-wide lane, or rink, each side (from one to four players) aims to get their bowls nearest to the smaller white jack than the opposition. The jack can be 70ft-126ft from the delivery mat.

The bowl (referred to as a wood, although it is made of composite material) has a bias which causes it to curve inwards about two-thirds of the way along its path. This is not as alarming as it sounds; you simply aim at something to the right or left (depending on whether you are delivering a forehand or a backhand) of where you want the bowl to end up. When all bowls have been delivered, a "shot" or point is awarded for each bowl closer to the jack than the opposition's. Delivery then starts again from the other end. A game is usually played over 18 or 21 ends.

"I encourage beginners to get going as soon as possible," Mr Tate said. "After half-an-hour getting used to the bowls, they should be able to join in a game." Mr Tate was forced to refine this even further when, with no preliminary warm-up, my first bowl nuzzled up against the front side of the jack — a "*front toucher*". This, according to Carl Hill, who was watching from the boundary, is the most perfect shot in bowls: "It means your opponent has to bowl blind." Mr Tate gave me a long, calculating look: "You're sure you haven't played before?"

Mindful of the little blue book on the game's etiquette, which I had read the night before, I assured him it was a fluke. I then had to assure him that my next three bowls were flukes. We changed ends in silence.

Here I got my comeuppance. My bowl shot down the grass, sliced in front of the jack, almost leapt into the next lane, and in the process knocked one of Mr Tate's bowls into pole position. Greens, I learnt, are deceptive. What works at one end doesn't necessarily work from the other. "Too heavy and as skinny as a hen's leg," was Mr Tate's crisp comment. Bowls has a charming vernacular. Translated, I had heaved too hard and aimed too close to the jack. According to Mr Tate, "the skill comes in judging length. To me, that's the most attractive thing about the game".



Bias: some clubs still view a woman on their greens with horror

Length is not necessarily dependent on the position of the jack; you might be aiming to "cut a wood out" (knock an opponent's bowl out of position), or "deliver a block" (drop the bowl short so that it frustrates an opponent's shot), or "deliver a back wood" (get the bowl behind the jack so that it will be in prime position if the jack is later knocked). Tactical decisions are usually taken by the Skip, the captain of the side. He stands at the far end and either shouts or gesticulates instructions. "Sometimes you have to play a shot you don't want to, but you must obey the Skip's orders," Mr Tate said, as I lined myself up to deliver a forehand. Mr Tate's bowls were all clustered to the left of the jack. "If I was you, I'd take a backhand," Mr Tate said. "If you hit the jack, it'll move closer to my woods." I bowled. I hit the jack. It moved closer to Mr Tate's woods. "You see, it's a game where you must be prepared to subjugate your own personality to the team," Mr Tate said mildly.

Team and club loyalty is fierce. Except for singles, this is not the game for prima donnas. Upstaging is frowned on, as are wilful attempts to slow the game or talking during play — though Mr Hill allowed that an elegant cough can be "difficult to prove".

"What I like about the game is that it relaxes you," said John Harthen, a 21-year-old civil servant, who began playing eight years ago while on holiday and got hooked. With his partner, he is the county pairs champion. "It's a combination of fresh air, summer evenings and good conversation. And it's surprising how walking up and down keeps you fit, he said."

"It's the most therapeutic game I know," added Mr Hill, a semi-retired engineer. "All the time you're looking at the shape of the head (the build-up of bowls around the jack) and because it demands concentration, you forget all your worries and aggravations."

That sounds corny, but it's true. As soon as I concentrated on my game, fixed my eyes on a specific petal in the clump of flowers bordering the green that I was using as a target, everything else faded into oblivion. All I was aware of was a green carpet and a pink petal. It was astonishingly calming. Walking between the ends, I began to notice the soft evening breeze, the birdsong and the church bell practice. The only jarring notes were the expletives from the tennis courts. Don't they realise that sort of thing ruins your street cred?

● *The illustration, Sabotage, is from* The Works, *by Beryl Cook (John Murray 1978, © Beryl Cook 1968).*

Facts for green enthusiasts

BOWLING clubs are either private or open to all in public parks (usually owned by the local authority). Park clubs are usually cheaper and they are also open to non-club members. Private clubs may have a waiting list. Membership from £40 to £100, depending on location and facilities. Some greens have restrictions on women.

☐ **Where to play:** contact the English Bowling Association, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 2AZ (0903 820222). Coaching is free at most clubs; The English Women's Bowling Association, Daracombe, The Clays, Market Lavington, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 (0380 813774).

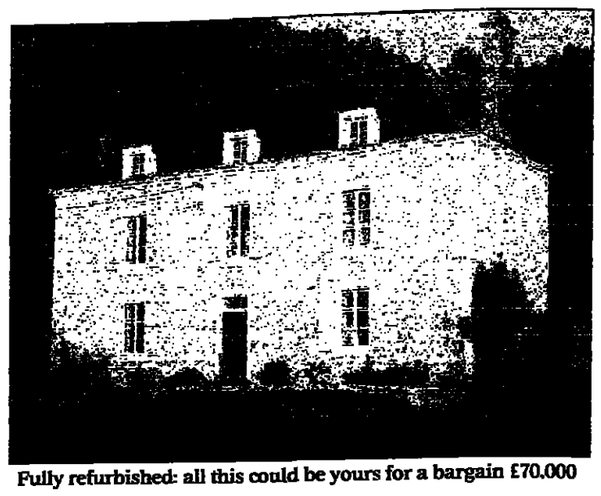
☐ **Clothing:** white above the waist. Women must wear skirts. Smooth-soled, heel-less bowling shoes are essential; average price £20.

☐ **Events:** the bowling season is from the last week in April to the first week in October. Most clubs play in county leagues. This Saturday the Inter-County Championships semi-finals and final are being held at Worthing.

Note: *The above game is Lawn Green bowls, as opposed to the less popular Crown Green bowls, for which the green has a mound in it.*

Buyer's France: **DEUX SEVRES**

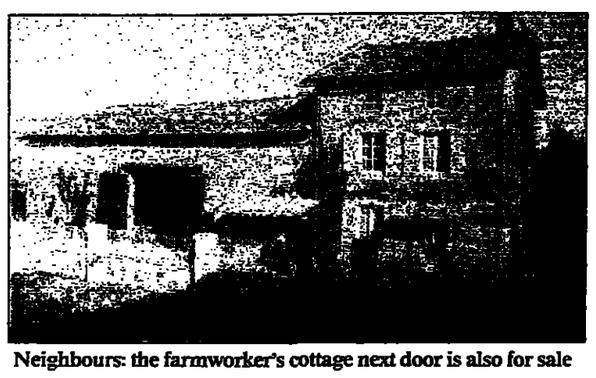
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Also available next door is a renovated farmworker's cottage with an attached barn and garden. It has three bedrooms, two reception rooms, modernised fitted kitchen, shower-room and cloakroom, for FFr 350,000 (about £41,000). The Atlantic coast at La Rochelle and Les Sables d'Olonne is about 90 minutes' drive away, and the ferry port of Caen can be reached in under five hours. The UK agent is G.A.K. Williamson, 3 Langton Court, Alresford, Hampshire SO24 9UE (0962 734999).



Neighbours: the farmworker's cottage next door is also for sale

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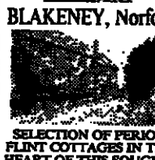
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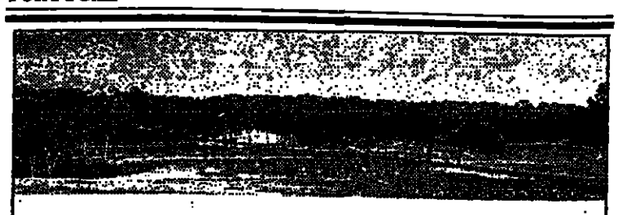
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THE CHANGELING: Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production from Stratford, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm, Mon, Tues, 7.15pm.

THE CENCI: Shelley's only stage play, on patriarchal tyranny and murder in 16th-century Italy, revived by Damned Poets Theatre Co a little late for the bicentenary.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until Sept 11.

CITY OF ANGELS: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

CRAZY FOR YOU: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm.



Kenneth Cranham plays in *An Inspector Calls*

GODSPELL: The 1970s' hit revived for a month, with Andy Crane, Gemma Craven.
Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tues-Sun, 7.30pm (*not* tomorrow) plus a final performance Aug 30, 7.30pm. Mats Sat 3pm. Until Aug 30.

GORMENGHAST: The David Glass Ensemble offer a thrilling version of Mervyn Peake. Last week.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat today and Aug 28, 2.30pm.

GREASE: Skimpy story of 1950s' teenage love, but the tunes are catchy.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

HERE: Iain Glen, Teresa Banham, Brenda Bruce in new Michael Frayn play: the anxieties of moving into a new home.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Limited run, ends Sept 11. No performance Aug 30.

HOT STUFF: The glitter and glam of the 1970s given a Faustian storyline. Musical from Paul Kamryson.
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 6pm and 9pm, Sat, 5pm and 8pm.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404) Previews from today, 8.15pm. Opens Wed, 7pm. Then Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm.

MACBETH: An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production. Last week.
National (Oliver), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm.

MARVIN'S ROOM: Alison Steadman as a Florida woman facing up to mortality in Scott McPherson's excellent play. Last week. Transfers to Comedy, Sept 15.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

SUNSET BOULEVARD: Triumph for Patti Lupone in Lloyd Webber's success. Trevor Nunn directs.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm

SWEENEY TODD: Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 7.30pm. Then in repertoire.

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW: Galumphing version of this politically incorrect, so-called comedy. Cathy Tyson plays Kate.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Today, 2.30pm and 8pm, Mon, Tues, 8pm.

THREE HOTELS: Lindsay Duncan and Peter Egan in Jon Robin Baitz's Off-Broadway hit: a failing marriage set against the hard world of a multi-national company.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Previews from Fri, 8pm. Opens Aug 31, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

TIME OF MY LIFE: One of Ayckbourn's best family plays, set in three restaurants.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats, Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

A SCOTS QUAIR: Glasgow's TAG Theatre dramatises the three parts of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's trilogy, telling the story of Chris Guthrie's journey from life on a remote farm to marriage and politics during the Depression.
Assembly Hall, The Mound. *Sunset Song:* Tues, 7pm, Wed, 2pm, Fri, 7.30pm; *Cloud Howe:* Wed, 7.30pm; *Grey Granite:* Thurs, 7.30pm. All three parts performed today and next Sat, 1pm, 4.30pm and 8pm. Festival box office: 031-225 5756.

DR FAUSTUS LIGHTS THE LIGHTS: Gertrude Stein's retelling of the Faust legend, using the lightbulb as an image of man's achievement. Directed by Robert Wilson and performed by the Hebbel Theater, Berlin, in English.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street. Wed-Sat, 7.30pm. Festival box office: 031-225 5756.

SCOTTISH VARIETY: THE FABULOUS FIFTIES: Variety stars recreate the old days, with the help of a troupe of Tiller girls. Devised by Jimmy Logan.
King's Theatre, Leven Street. Tonight, tomorrow, Mon, 6pm and 8.45pm. Festival box office: 031-225 5756.

REGIONAL

BRISTOL: Julia Foster and Derek Griffiths in *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice*, with Helen Sheals as the songbird chirping for freedom.
Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 250250). Preview Wed, 7.30pm. Opens Thurs, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Sept 11.

NORTHAMPTON: Brand new staging of the tune-packed *Sound of Music*.
Royal Theatre, Guildhall Street (0604 32533). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Until Oct 2.

FILM

APRES L'AMOUR (15): French love tangles, carefully unravelled by director Diane Kurys and an excellent cast. Isabelle Huppert, Hypolite Girardot, Bernard Giraudeau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-499 3737)

BAMBI (U): Disney's classic about a young deer's forest life. Director, David Hand.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Mezzanine** (0426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303).

BENNY & JOON (12): Zany love story ultimately choked by whimsy, starring Johnny Depp, Mary Stuart Masterson and Aidan Quinn; director, Jeremiah Chechik.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999).

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18): Smart sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde*. Temistocles Lopez directs a choice cast: Linda Fiorentino, Seymour Cassel, Assumpta Serna, Elias Koteas.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

CLIFFHANGER (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
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UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).



Cutting edge drama: Martin Bogel in *Dr Faustus Lights the Lights* at Edinburgh's Royal Lyceum (see Theatre)

DENNIS (PG): Episodic, bland adventures of America's Dennis the Menace (Mason Gamble), with Walter Matthau as the irascible neighbour. Director, Nick Castle.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

EL MARIACHI (15): Musician and hitman get confused in a Mexican border town. Enjoyable no-budget action romp from a promising new talent, Robert Rodriguez.
Odeon Kensington (0426-914 666) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG): Welcome revival of Marcel Carné and Jacques Prévert's classic — a triumphant blend of 19th-century stage history, fantasy and romance. With Arletty, Jean-Louis Barrault, Pierre Brasseur.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

EQUINOX (15): Alan Rudolph's intoxicating tale of lost souls in a crumbling metropolis, jam-packed with visual magic. With Matthew Modine, Lara Flynn Boyle.
Metro (071-437 0757).



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HOUSE OF ANGELS (15). Liberated newcomers upset the calm of a Swedish village. Humane comedy from British-born director Colin Nutley
Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

IN COLD BLOOD (18). Handsome but ponderous 1967 version of Capote's book about crime and punishment. With Robert Blake, Scott Wilson. Director, Richard Brooks.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647)

JURASSIC PARK (PG): Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Steven Spielberg.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

JUST ANOTHER GIRL ON THE IRT (15): Brassy black Brooklyn teenager (Ariyan Johnson) finds herself pregnant. Raw, lively, first feature by Leslie Harris
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631).

LAWS OF GRAVITY (18): The lives of petty thieves on Brooklyn's mean streets. Dynamic first feature from writer-director Nick Gomez. Plus Tim Pope's teasing short *Phone*.
Gate Notting Hill (071-727 4043).

MAD DOG AND GLORY (15): Gangster Bill Murray rewards forlorn drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance; director, John McNaughton.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

MADE IN AMERICA (12): Dolish cross-cultural farce, made to measure for Whoopi Goldberg and Ted Danson. Richard Benjamin directs.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward.
Minema (071-235 4225) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatores.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

PUERTO ESCONDIDO (15): Milanese bank clerk, dogged by a killer policeman, hides away in Mexico. Gabriele Salvatores's flimsy follow-up to *Mediterraneo*, with Diego Abatantuono, Valeria Golino.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

RED ROCK WEST (15): Enjoyable thriller, with Nicolas Cage sucked into a whirlpool of greed and deceit. Dennis Hopper, Lara Flynn Boyle, J.T. Walsh; director, John Dahl.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310)

SAVAGE NIGHTS (18): A frenzied love story and an HIV-positive hero, based on the film's deceased writer-director-star, Cyril Collard.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

THE SNAPPER (15): Roddy Doyle's raucous tale of an unexpected pregnancy. Strong performances (Tina Kellegher, Colm Meaney), though Stephen Frears's film suits television best.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES III (PG): The turtles land in 17th-century Japan, only to find mundane adventure. Writer-director, Stuart Gillard.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098).

TOM AND JERRY — THE MOVIE (U): Limp feature debut of MGM's battling duo: they talk, they sing and, heaven forbid, become bosom buddies. Director, Phil Roman
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE VANISHING (12). Superior Dutch version of George Sluizer's tale about the disappearing girlfriend. With Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu, Johanna ter Steege.
Metro (071-437 0757).

DANCE

MARK MORRIS GROUP: The American troupe makes a return visit to Edinburgh with a programme of new works by the much-hyped Mark Morris. Is he a dance giant, or just a choreographer with great taste in music? The answer lies somewhere in between, but as usual the programme offers a wide choice of music: from the Bach motet *Jesu, Meine Freunde*, to new music written and performed by singer Michelle Shocked and bassist Rob Wasserman
Meadowbank sports hall, Edinburgh (Festival box office: 031-225 5756), tonight-Mon, 7.30pm.

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: Orchestral highlights of the week include tomorrow's concert in which the Oslo Philharmonic under the dynamic Mariss Jansons is joined by the viola virtuoso Yuri Bashmet for Bartók's Viola Concerto. Stravinsky (*Firebird* Suite) and Dvořák (Symphony No 8) complete the programme. The rest of the week belongs to the Philharmonia, who give four concerts under two distinguished conductors. On Monday Erich Leinsdorf conducts Janáček's Sinfonietta and Schubert's Symphony No 9, while on Wednesday the orchestra (again under Leinsdorf) is joined by Steven Isserlis for a concert in which Elgar's Cello Concerto precedes Strauss's *Don Quixote*. Then on Friday Leonard Slatkin takes over the podium for the first of two concerts (the second is next Saturday) featuring music by James MacMillan, whose Sinfonietta is here flanked by Haydn's "Surprise" and Dvořák's "New World" symphonies. All concerts start at 8pm.
Usher Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh. **Edinburgh International Festival Box Office,** 21 Market Street (031-225 5756).

PROMS: Mariss Jansons and the Oslo Philharmonic travel south from Edinburgh for two London concerts. The first, on Monday at 7.30pm, includes music by Schnittke, Tchaikovsky and Strauss, while the second (Tuesday, 7.30pm) repeats the Bartók/Stravinsky/Dvořák programme of tomorrow's Usher Hall concert. On Wednesday (7.30pm), in one of the most imaginative programmes of this Proms season, the BBC Singers, the London Adventist Chorale and the Matrix Ensemble under Robert Ziegler examine the influence of black music on German composers. The works performed include Weill's *Mahagonny-Songspiel* and *Cry the Beloved Country*, and the British premieres of *Africa Songs* by Wilhelm Grosz and of *Nobody knows de trouble I see*, a trumpet concerto by Bernd Alois Zimmermann. Hakan Hardenberger is the trumpet soloist, while Cynthia Clarey, Damon Evans and Jake Gardner — all of whom appeared in Covent Garden's recent *Porgy and Bess* — make up an impressive team of singers. The week ends with one of this year's undoubted highlights (Friday, 7.30pm), when the BBC Symphony Orchestra gives the British premiere of the Symphony No 4 by Witold Lutoslawski, conducted by the composer himself. The rest of the programme, conducted by Arturo Tamayo, is made up of works by Ligeti, Bartok and Stravinsky.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 (071-589 8212).

OPERA

SARKA/DIE FREUNDE VON SALAMANKA: This operatic double bill continues the festival's double focus on the unlikely pair of Janáček and Schubert, the former represented here by his first opera, the latter by one of his many (musically rewarding) dramatic failures. For these concert performances, David Robertson conducts the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, the Chorus of Scottish Opera, and a fine team of soloists
Usher Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh, Tues, 7pm. **Edinburgh International Festival Box Office,** as before.

ROCK

READING '93: This highlight of the rock calendar kicks off on Friday with a line up led by Perry Farrell's Porno for Pyros and including Rage Against the Machine, female rockers Babes in Toyland and rising indie sensation Voodoo Queens. Next Saturday and Sunday sees The The and New Order taking centre stage. Other bands include Therapy?, Dinosaur Jr, The Lemonheads, the Juliana Hatfield Three (see listing) and the reformed Big Star.
Reading Festival (info. 081-963 0797, bookings: 071-284 4111), Fri, from 2pm, next Sat, from midday, next Sun, from midday.

THE MISSION: The Leeds goth-rock combo play two low-key home town gigs prior to a national tour in September. They are ably supported today by Andrew Eldritch of the Sisters of Mercy and by the Utah Saints. Tomorrow's concert, an all-day event primarily for fan club members, features Thousand Yard Stare, Eat and the Wishplants.
Town and Country Club, Leeds (0532 800100), today and tomorrow, 2pm-9pm.



Three's company: Juliana Hatfield plays in London

JULIANA HATFIELD THREE: Best known as a founder member of Boston's Blake Babies, the singer and bassist also played on the Lemonheads' *It's a Shame About Ray* album. She appears here with like-minded rough-edged popsters Dean Fisher and Todd Phillips.
Garage, London, N5 (071-607 1818), Thurs, 7.30pm. **Reading '93,** see separate listing.

JAZZ

JOHN SURMAN QUARTET: A rare opportunity to catch this moody and majestic baritone saxophonist in Scotland. His quartet boasts the avant-garde pianist Paul Bley, bass player Gary Peacock and drummer Tony Oxley.
Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031-668 2019), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

COURTNEY PINE: The saxophonist who began his career in respected reggae bands Aswad and Steel Pulse, successfully fused jazz and reggae in his spiritual last album *To the Eyes of Creation*. For this one-off gig he plays music from this album as well as new material.
Jazz Cafe, London, NW1 (071-916 6000), Thurs, 7pm.

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

ARGENTINE GRAPHIC HUMOUR: Despite their checkered history in the last 50 years, the Argentines have been amazingly productive of cartoons and graphic humour — some of it satirical, whenever such expression was possible, and much clearly brushed by a local brand of surrealism. This show, staged in collaboration with the International Cartoon Festival of Knokke-Heist, Belgium, gathers together the varied and diverting work of some 20 artists.
National Museum of Cartoon Art, 183, Eversholt Street, NW1 (071-388 4326). Mon-Fri, midday-6pm (Thurs to 7pm), Mon to Sept 24.

RECENT BRITISH SCULPTURES: Recently, select painting acquisitions for the Arts Council collection were on show all over the Festival Hall. Now it is the turn of sculpture. The works on show start with such (relative) veterans as Tony Cragg, Richard Deacon, Antony Gormley and David Nash, and move on to more recent arrivals such as Cathy de Monchaux and Jo Stockham.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Daily, 10am-10.30pm, until Oct 3 (closed Sept 13-21).

BURNE-JONES: After a period of neglect, Edward Burne-Jones is receiving increasing critical attention these days. Virtually self-taught, he belongs to the second, more openly symbolist phase of Pre-Raphaelitism, and has many connections with the Arts and Crafts movement, notably through the tapestries and stained glass he designed for his contemporary, William Morris..
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until Nov 7.

PICTURES IN PICTURES: The second of the National Gallery's new series of small shows "Themes and Variations" draws on the gallery's collection to indicate the different ways a variety of painters from Vermeer to Degas have used pictures as more or less significant props in interiors.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, 2-6pm, until Sept 19.

PISSARRO: THE IMPRESSIONIST AND THE CITY: In the last decade of his life (1893-1903) Pissarro virtually forsook the rural themes of his earlier work for an extended consideration of the Paris street scene. This show of more than 60 of his paintings makes a case for his sense of painting in series.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until Oct 10.

ALAN DAVIE: The Scottish painter, now 73, first came to prominence in the Fifties with a series of tree form abstract paintings. Since then he has ploughed a solitary furrow, making work which is symbolic rather than abstract.
Barbican Art Gallery, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 4141). Mon, Wed-Sat, 10am-6.45pm, Tues, 10am-5.45pm, Sun, midday-6.45pm, until Sept 5.

POSITIVE LIVES: The most prominent in the Photographer's Gallery's new constellation of exhibitions is a documentation of society's response to HIV and Aids.
The Photographers' Gallery, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-831 1772). Tues-Sat, 11am-7pm, until Sept 18.

REGIONAL

FRED ELWELL RA: *The First Born*, was hung on the line at the RA in 1913, and excited fierce argument as to whether the young father first glimpsing his first child should have taken off his hat. Despite the controversy, the picture was and remains Elwell's most popular Twentieth-century painters of such Victorian genre scenes seldom rate big retrospectives these days, but Elwell repays the trouble with a lot of technically accomplished painting and some fascinating insights about life upstairs and downstairs.
Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hull (0482 593912). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 1.30-4.30pm, until Nov 7. Then touring to the Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle.

THE INHERITANCE OF THE HART FAMILY: The most prominent member of the family was Thomas Hart (1830-1916), whose watercolours of Cornwall were shown at the Royal Academy and bought by Queen Victoria and the Archbishop of Canterbury. He was also an early professional photographer. Six of his 12 children followed in their father's artistic footsteps, and even more than he did (for he travelled widely in Europe) concentrated on the countryside round the Lizard. This is the first showing of the Harts in Cornwall since their own days.
Falmouth Art Gallery, The Moor, Falmouth (0326 313863). Mon-Thurs, 10am-4.30pm, Fri, 10am-7pm, Sat, 10am-1pm, until Sept 10.

NO MORE HEROES ANYMORE: Though it is still little realised, the Imperial War Museum has one of the finest collections of 20th-century British art. A generous selection of recent acquisitions is on loan for the Edinburgh Festival.
Royal Scottish Academy, The Mount, Edinburgh (031-225 6671). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm; during Festival (until Sept 4), Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 11am-6pm, until Sept 12

THE POWER OF THE MASK: The Royal Museum of Scotland's big festival show this year is devoted to the mask, viewed in three different cultural contexts, play, ritual and carnival.
Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh (031-225 7534). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, midday-5pm, until Oct 31

HOLBEIN AND THE COURT OF HENRY VIII: The Scottish National Gallery's summer show to coincide with the Edinburgh Festival evokes the relationship of Hans Holbein the Younger and the English Court, featuring many famous and less well known images, painted and drawn, from the Royal Library, Windsor. The drawings are brilliantly perceptive, the miniatures a rare delight.
National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2pm-5pm. During Festival (until Sept 4, Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 11am-6pm), until Sept 26.

BOOKINGS

A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT: Dennis Waterman, Sonia and Danny McCall will be bringing the swinging Sixties back to the West End in September in this classic tale of boy meets girl meets hair lacquer. Written by the Heather Brothers *(Lust)*, and featuring a musical score of 30 original songs. Directed by Lea Heather.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, London, WC2 (071-930 8800). From Sept 6.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: The highlight of the autumn season at the Coliseum will probably be a new production of Puccini's popular classic opera *La Bohème* in September. The famous love story with its attractive Bohemian background has found its way into the realms of romantic mythology. Sian Edwards will conduct her first opera as the company's new music director, while American soprano Roberta Alexander will take the role of Mimi. Opposite her as Rodolfo will be John Hudson, who made his Coliseum debut in May as Macduff in Verdi's *Macbeth*. Featuring a new English translation commissioned from Jeremy Sams.
London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161) In repertoire from Sept 15.

CAROUSEL: Rodgers and Hammerstein's well-known musical will open in Leicester in November. Passion, romance and violence combine in this dramatic love story set against the colourful backdrop of a fairground on the fishing coast of New England, including such memorable tunes as "If I Loved You", "You'll Never Walk Alone", and "June is Bustin' Out All Over"
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate, Leicester (0533 539797). In repertoire from Nov 19 to Jan 29.

NEW VIDEOS

UNFORGIVEN (Warner, 15): Clint Eastwood's mellowed gunman is forced to resurrect his lethal skills. Marvellously resonant, reflective Western, built on classic lines. With Gene Hackman, Morgan Freeman, and Richard Harris. 1992.



Mellowed gunman: Clint Eastwood in *Unforgiven*

A BOUT DE SOUFFLE (Tartan, 18): The once-celebrated jump cuts no longer startle in Godard's first feature, but this insouciant homage to American B movies still crackles with electricity. Starring Jean-Paul Belmondo as the petty thug and Jean Seberg in the role of the American in Paris. 1959.

HOFFA (Guild 18): A star turn by Jack Nicholson as Jimmy Hoffa, the US labour leader with Mob connections, but the David Mamet script is strangely dull and unedifying. Director, Danny DeVito. 1993.

LEAP OF FAITH (Paramount, PG): Strenuous plunge into satirical drama for Steve Martin — an evangelical conman who finds his match in drought-stricken Texas. With Debra Winger and Liam Neeson; director, Richard Pearce. 1993.

Film: Geoff Brown; **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston; **Classical Music and Opera:** Gwen Hughes; **Rock and Jazz:** Stephanie Osborne; **Dance:** Debra Craine; **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor; **New Videos:** Geoff Brown; **Bookings:** Sara Yelland

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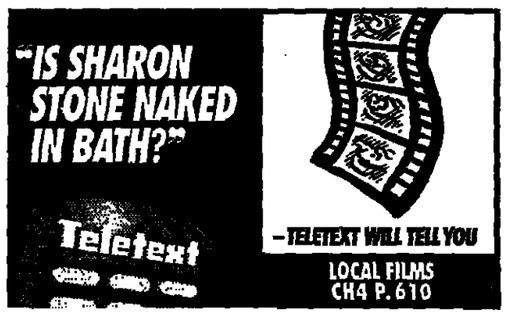
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FLOCCULENT
(c) Resembling flocks or tufts of wool, consisting of loose woolly masses, from the Latin *floccus* a flock of wool: "He succeeded in sending up some pretty light flocculent cirri."

GIGANTOMACHY
(b) The war of the giants against the gods, or a contest resembling this, from the Greek *gigas, gigantos* a giant + *machē* a battle, 1678: "There had always been a kind of gigantomachy betwixt these two parties or sects of men."

CELSITUDE
(c) Lofty position, high rank, dignity, eminence, adapted through French from the Latin *celsitudo* lofty carriage, also in late Latin a title of honour, from *celsus* lofty: Bacon, 1605: "See what Celsitude of honor Plinius secundus attributeth to Traiane."

CULORUM
(c) The conclusion, corollary, or moral, known only in Langland, according to Herbert Coleridge probably the last syllables of *in saecula saeculorum* "for ever and ever", the concluding words of the *Gloria Patri*; on the other hand, Mätzner unsportingly suggests a corruption of the Latin *corollarium* corollary: "No blame served. Ho so toke good kepe to the colorum."



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: **Benedict Nightingale** on the final instalments of a Scottish trilogy

ROBBIE JACK



Glasgow granite: social issues of the 1930s are portrayed grittily, and with a relevence for the 1990s, in TAG Theatre of Glasgow's Grey Granite, the third part of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's Scots Quair trilogy

Grey clouds of history

A Scots Quair
Assembly Hall

When we left Chris, the heroine of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's *Scots Quair*, her husband had just been shot as a coward for walking away from the Flanders trenches. From the moment the second instalment of the trilogy opens, with a grey stone statue of a memorial angel dominating the stage, it is evident that the war to end wars has not been forgotten. On the contrary, it leaves a smell of poison gas hanging over both **Cloud Howe** and the play that follows it, which is set in the 1930s and actually has the forbidding title, **Grey Granite**.

Not the least of the achievements of Gibbon, who died in 1935 aged only 34, was to demonstrate to a luckier era that nothing, nothing at all, preoccupied thoughtful people of his generation more than the significance of that war.

For Gibbon, that significance was moral. The war raised the question of whether people and their society could be changed or whether history would continue to be "the babble of a horde of apes trapped in a pit". That is asked again and again in *Cloud Howe*, mostly by Chris's second husband, Robert Colquohoun, a minister and idealist. As played by Stewart Porter, he can become a bit throbbing of voice and furrowed of brow; but there is no doubting he has a conscience as big as his kirk.

Sunset Song, the first play in the trilogy, was set in a farming community. *Cloud Howe* substitutes a small town for the tiny village and a sour, malicious citizenry for the mostly affable crofters. Colquohoun must now do battle with Ian Stuart Robertson's memorably slimy Meiklebogs (hear the name, know the man) and with Dougal Lee's Provost Hogg (ditto), whose view is that the Scots, and especially the Scots working classes, "are the beastliest creatures ever set loose on Earth". No wonder the poor cleric ends up expiring in his pulpit, his attempts to help the local poor having come to as little as his conviction that a local labour league is "the beginning of a new era, the era of men made free at last".

After the trilogy's big, generous first play, *Cloud Howe* seems a bit solemn and didactic. The same is still truer of *Grey Granite*, which moves Pauline Knowles's Chris to an industrial town and brings her son Ewan to the fore.

As played by Stuart Bowman, Ewan begins as a rather serious, sweet youth and, thanks mainly to a beating by the police, ends up a chilling fanatic. Gibbon may have espoused Marxism, but exploiting hunger marches for the benefit of the Communist party or sacrificing a fiancée to the revolution, as Ewan does, was too much for him.

It is that humanity which saves the plays from terminal earnestness. Gibbon cared about his people, and, in spite of everything, makes us care about them too. Sometimes the dialogue gets stagey:

"Oh Chris, I had such hopes",

"You, of all people can't lose faith".

But the pain behind such banalities is always apparent.

"A Scots quair" means a Scots quire, or a ream of Scotland. If Alastair Cording's adaptation earns the lasting slot in the Scottish repertory the trilogy's overall title implicitly claims, it will be because it gives flesh to the political and makes the social warm-blooded.

It will also be because TAG Theatre has done a fine job launching it. There are reservations. It's a pity we see nothing of some of the characters' prime preoccupations: pigsty housing, for instance, or the clouds that variously become metaphors for disaster, social change and the complexity of things. But how many companies combine passion with such discipline and both with such narrative fluency? Precious few, in or out of Scotland.

Director John Wright's cast of three is handpicked from choice theatre companies — Théâtre de Complicité, Trestle and The Right Size. **On the Verge of Exploding**, the piece they have created at the Pleasance, is simply beautiful. It has a distinctly East European air. The set consists of a rough wooden platform balanced on paint-spattered step-ladders. The props are a tin bath and buckets. There is accordion music, the acting is highly physical and Sarah Brignall sits on a barrel looking like Mother Courage in big laceless boots and a peasant headscarf.

But this story of a mother, badly treated by former lovers and unable to bear her growing daughter's discovering her own sexuality and falling in love with a boy, floats free of time and place. What words there are are polylingual. Sometimes we seem to be watching an archetypal ancient folk tale, yet this could be Latin America today.

Sarah Brignall playing the man-hating mother, full of pent-up fury since her bridegroom abandoned her at the church, hardly opens her mouth. She stares grimly straight ahead as her hands play the accordion or strides across stage to shatter head-sized melons with an axe. Her persona sharply combines the funny and the sinister, like some stock character from commedia dell'arte who has turned dark and twisted.

Paul Hunter, meanwhile, roots his performance in the British circus clowning and music hall styles. His vicar, in the opening wedding scene, fidgets nervously, searching frantically for a one-liner like a doomed stand-up. He plays a travelling salesman like Paul Daniels down on his luck, whisking dusters out of his suitcase and cracking desperately unfunny jokes. Sometimes the humour is too basic, but more often Hunter burlesques the worn-out gags.

The production is crammed with startlingly inspired moments that retain all the freshness of improvisation. The mother nods off, but her accordion keeps breathing slowly and deeply. Elsewhere, a sleeper is woken by clucking sounds and her own foot twitching around under the sheet turns into a sort of flustered ghost chicken.

The small, plain, truly brilliant Hayley Carmichael is the linchpin of this production. Mesmerisingly convincing as a little girl, she scoots around on sturdy legs breathlessly chattering to herself in Spanish-style gibberish interrupted by whinnies. Brignall is wonderfully funny flashing nonplussed looks out at the audience, profoundly touching, and absolutely free of cuteness.

Delightful and painful, *On the Verge of Exploding* is almost excruciatingly elating. This is such a fabulous piece of theatre you think you're going to burst.

KATE BASSETT

● On the Verge of Exploding *transfers to BAC, Battersea on September 7*

So good that it almost hurts

FRINGE THEATRE

Jelly covered in dirt

POP RECORDS

There are two distinct ways of approaching the **Dirty Dozen Brass Band**'s tribute to Jelly Roll Morton. You could, if you wished, act as a sober guardian of New Orleans traditional jazz and keep count of the many occasions where the group deviates from the letter of Morton's compositions.

Much better, I think, to leave any preconceptions behind and take the radically reworked, funk-injected versions of "Jungle Blues" and "Milenberg Joys" on their own terms, as the work of the most creative and exciting of modern New Orleans street bands. A spectacular live act — their visits to this country have been all too infrequent — the Dirty Dozen have had problems in conveying the same raw ensemble style in the studio. *Jelly* (Columbia 473059) comes closer to achieving that than any of their previous albums.

Artistic licence, it has to be said, is taken to extremes — so much so that a number of the cover versions are barely recognisable at first. Some of the sinuousness of the orginals goes out of the window, but there is ample compensation in the driving, R&B-tinged arrangements — a case of Jelly Roll meets James Brown. An extra touch of authenticity is provided by the guitarist-cum-historian Danny Barker, whose anecdotes about Morton and the louche New Orleans of old are interspersed with the music.

Anyone who is tempted to dismiss the Dirty Dozen as no more than a good-humoured party band will be pleasantly surprised. The stripped-down version of "The Pearls" is sensitively handled, and Gregory Davis's trumpet introduction to "Dead Man's Blues" makes a genuinely moving lament. Any rough edges in the soloing only add to the feeling of street marching spontaneity.

Critics were left fumbling for adjectives last week after **James Morrison**'s charismatic appearance at the Brecon Festival. A mere compact disc could never quite do justice to the Australian's larger-than-life persona, but his audacious trumpet and trombone phrasing are well represented on *Two The Max* (East-West 9031-77125), a session with a quartet co-led by the veteran bassist Ray Brown. Not many musicians include both "Honeysuckle Rose" and "Seven Steps to Heaven" in their repertoire, and the vitality of Morrison's soloing could almost convince you that he is encountering these pieces for the very first time.

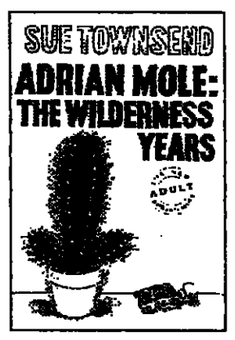
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MUSIC THEATRE



Steve Reich: real breakthrough to a new dramatic form

For all its systematic rigour, the music of Steve Reich has always been marked by a kind of theatricality, though it was only with *Different Trains* in 1988 — a 25-minute piece for string quartet and sampled voices, which interwove the composer's childhood experience with that of Holocaust survivors — that Reich made a decisive move towards the creation of a genuinely dramatic form. The next step, the composer hoped at the time, would be "a new kind of documentary music video theatre". *The Cave* is the first essay in that new genre.

Premiered in Vienna in May this year, when it was warmly reviewed in these pages by Paul Griffiths, the new work is a collaboration between the composer and his wife, the video artist Beryl Korot. The cave of the title is the Cave of the Patriarchs in the West-Bank town of Hebron, sacred to both Muslims and Jews, and the only place in the world where both faiths worship.

Rather than use a libretto, Reich and Korot gathered the textual material for the work by asking a series of questions relating to the Biblical story of the cave: "Who for you is Abraham/Sarah/Hagar/Isaac/Ishamel?" In the first of the work's three acts, those questioned are Israeli Jews; in the second, Palestinian Muslims: in the third, Americans of all faiths and none.

As in *Different Trains*, sampled fragments of speech — transcribed into musical notation and here doubled or echoed by an ensemble of string quartet, four singers, woodwind, percussion and keyboards — generate the melodic material. In *The Cave*, however, the source of the speech is visible: Korot's multi-channel video installation projects the talking heads onto a variable configuration of screens, mounted in a scaffolding set which also houses the musicians.

Despite its obvious political resonances, *The Cave* is not primarily about politics. Reich and Korot are content to observe as the speakers state their differing positions. Expectations of a synthesis or middle way raised by the tripartite structure are not fulfilled: rather than resolving the opposition established in the first two acts, the third act moves away from it altogether. Questions which are central to the experience of Jews and Palestinians in the Middle East turn out to be utterly remote to most inhabitants of New York and Austin, Texas.

The real interest is formal. Using speech as the work's melodic basis creates a systematic framework, but within it Reich has the freedom to exploit endless variations of rhythm and pitch. The changing relationships between words, music and Korot's intricate sequences of talking heads are what give the piece its fascination and momentum: relatively discrete in the first two acts, the elements are exuberantly woven in the third into a vivid tapestry of sounds and images.

The technical challenges of performance are huge, but all went smoothly at the Festival Hall, with Paul Hillier firmly in control of the musical forces. To hail *The Cave* as a breakthrough for music theatre would be rash: in less safe hands than Reich's this kind of thing could be grim, like a fourth-rate rock video, only longer. But as a formal and expressive breakthrough for Reich himself, the significance of this ambitious, affirmative work is beyond all doubt.

IAN BRUNSKILL

● The Cave *continues at the Festival Hall until Monday*

French Baroque flourishes

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Despite a rare production of *Les Boréades* in a dingy space at Birmingham's Bull Ring Centre earlier this year, and for all the sterling efforts of the English Bach Festival around Rameau's tercentenary a decade ago, work needs to be done before this most radical and significant of baroque opera composers can count himself in the same bracket as, say, Monteverdi in this country.

In France matters are rather different. The group Les Arts Florissants, heavily subsidised and sponsored, flies the tricolour, particularly for French baroque opera, with spectacular effectiveness. At least we can buy their records. With this account of Rameau's revolutionary opera **Castor et Pollux** (Harmonia Mundi France HM901435.37), composed in 1737, four years after the scandalous premiere of the equally mould-shattering *Hippolyte et Aricie*, they further enhance the reputation of a great composer who was bold enough to put drama above convention, clothing it with typically Rameau-like qualities such as clarity of word setting, vivid orchestral colouring, and an abundance of melodic inventiveness.

William Christie, Les Arts Florissants' director, adheres in this outstanding reading to the 1737 score rather than paying attention to either of Rameau's two later revisions. The playing of the largish orchestra is clean but spontaneous; rhythms are tautly sprung, colours vivid, and the momentum of the whole seems unstoppable. Thunder and lightning are generously provided as offstage effects where necessary.

As always, the cast is a finely balanced one, dominated by the fluid, lightish voices of Jérome Corréas as an ardent and noble Pollux, Howard Crook as a beatific Castor (his entrance is delayed until the placid fourth act), Agnès Mellon as the radiant and true Télaire and Véronique Gens as the distracted Phébé. René Schirrer, as Jupiter, tingles the spine as in the final act he commands the sun to stop in its tracks, while Mark Padmore makes an all too brief contribution as the Grand Prêtre and, in the Prologue, Amour. Throughout, the chorus work is wonderfully incisive.

Lully's last opera, **Armide**, composed in 1686, was considered a masterpiece from its first production, and Rameau agreed with that opinion. From the same company now comes Philippe Herreweghe's account (Harmonia Mundi France HM 901456.57, just 2 discs) with his vocal group Collegium Vocale and his orchestra La Chapelle Royale. There is a degree less swagger to this performance than Christie's; Lully's music, though theatrically invariably effective, in any case tends to be more foursquare than that of Rameau.

But work and performance are nevertheless convincing and stylish, always with a sense of busyness and dramatic impetus. There are moments of poignant lyricism too, as in the hero Renaud's Act II soliloquy. Howard Crook appears as Renaud, delivering the role with lovely, smooth singing. Guillemette Laurens as Armide is sometimes overpowering and undisciplined, though her sense of drama is unassailable. Bernard Deletré's Hidraot, her sorcerer uncle, also has a large voice, though he uses it with discipline. Of the many smaller supporting roles, John Hancock is wonderfully poisonous as La Haine.

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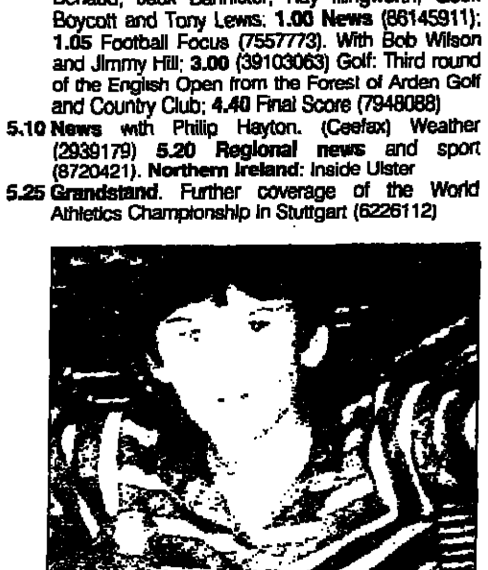
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BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (7036686)
7.25 News and weather (8688266) **7.30 Pinocchio.** Cartoon (r) (4960327) **7.50 The All New Popeye Show.** Animated triple bill (r) (6948651) **8.10 McGee and Me.** Animation and live action series (1382976) **8.35 Peter Pan and the Pirates.** Cartoon adventures (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6260976)
9.00 Parallel 9. Adventures on a fantasy planet (s) (73044) **10.27 Weather** (6513518)
10.30 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider in London and Desmond Lynam in Stuttgart. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **10.35** (8839042) and **5.25** (6226112) Athletics: World Championship from Stuttgart. The finals include the women's 10,000m, women's high jump, men's shot put, men's 50km walk and women's triple jump: **10.55** (59681792) and **1.40** (5130044) Cricket: Sixth Test. England v Australia from the Oval. Commentary by Richie Benaud, Jack Bannister, Ray Illingworth, Geoff Boycott and Tony Lewis; **1.00 News** (86145911); **1.05** Football Focus (7557773). With Bob Wilson and Jimmy Hill; **3.00** (39103063) Golf: Third round of the English Open from the Forest of Arden Golf and Country Club; **4.40** Final Score (7948088)
5.10 News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (2939179) **5.20 Regional news** and sport (8720421). **Northern Ireland**: Inside Ulster
5.25 Grandstand. Further coverage of the World Athletics Championship in Stuttgart (6226112)



Twinkling with the stars: Cramer (6.30pm)

6.30 Film: Flight of the Navigator (1986) starring Joey Cramer Entertaining science-fiction adventure about a 12-year-old boy, whose close encounter with an alien spaceship enables him to return home eight years later exactly the same age. Directed by Randal Kleiser. (Ceefax) (69150)
8.00 Birds of a Feather: Cuckoo. Comedy series with the prison widows. Sharon discovers that someone has moved into her council flat. Starring Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6518)
8.30 The House of Eliott. Last in the drama series set in a 1920s fashion house. The spring collection is an overwhelming success. Starring Stella Gonet and Louise Lombard (r). (Ceefax) (s) (813402)
9.20 News with John Humphrys. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (687088)
9.40 Spender: Tough. Jimmy Nail stars as the maverick Geordie detective, this week becoming involved in the vicious world of shady fight promoters (r). (Ceefax) (s) (949228)
10.35 Match of the Day. Ray Stubbs introduces highlights from two of today's FA Premiership matches (s) (641006)
11.35 Cricket: Sixth Test. Highlights of the third day's play between England and Australia (s) (355570)
12.15am Film: Easy Prey (1986) starring Gerald McRaney and Shawnee Smith. Fact-based drama about a psychopath, wanted for the abduction and assault of young girls, who kidnaps a teenager and subjects her to a cross-country ride of terror. Directed by Sandor Stern (776716)
1.50 Weather (5894822) Ends at **1.55**

BBC2

6.40 Open University: Organic Chemistry: It's Only Plastic (2527353) **7.05** Maths: Modelling Drug Therapy (7033599) **7.30** Venice and Antwerp: Forms of Religion (3150570) **7.55** Images: The Surface of Mars (9041696) **8.20** Biology: Plant Growth Regulators (1379402) **8.45** Build a Better Business: Selling (6257402) **9.10** Ecology: Controlling Pests (5253044) **9.35** Geology: From Snowdon to Sea (2758266) **10.00** Richard III: Character of a King (2007537) **10.25** Mechanics: Work and Energy (3634599) **10.50** Women Artists: Outside In (1184119) **11.15** Putting IT in its Place (2978632) **11.40** Working with Systems: Diagrams (9012686) **12.05** Testing Teachers? (8184334) **12.30** Open Advice: The Quiet Revolution (2484599) **12.55** Modern Art: Jackson Pollock (4479402) **1.20** Genetics: Patterns of Evolution (21988889) **1.45** Learning for All: A Community College (19053599) **2.10** Introduction to Psycholoy: Autism (14492599) **2.35** Picturing the Modern City (3201421)
3.00 Cricket and Golf. Live coverage of the third day's play in the sixth Test between England and Australia at the Oval (s). Third round action from the English Open in Coventry (5702773)
6.30 Athletics. Desmond Lynam introduces coverage from the World Championship in Stuttgart. The line-up includes: **6.35** 3000m steeplechase final; **6.55** women's 4x400m first round; **7.15** men's 4x400m first round (6949063)
7.45 Small Objects of Desire: The Light Bulb. The design for this source of artificial light has hardly changed over the past 100 years (r). (Ceefax) (953082)
8.05 News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (344605)
8.20 Rhythms of the World: Dancing with the Incas. See Choice (930518)
9.00 Teenage Diaries: Wet Dreams. Surfing enthusiast Gabriel Davies dreams of riding the waves in Hawaii, but has to content himself with the freezing, polluted waters of Tynemouth (532686)



Brotherly love: Davis and McGann (9.50pm)

9.50 Nice Town. Paul McGann and Josette Simon star in a repeat of Guy Hibbert's controversial three-part drama. Joe and his wife Frankie return from working abroad to live in Nice Town. Joe's brother Paul and his wife Linda are unable to conceive a child. In a misguided act of brotherly love, Joe offers to secretly father a child by Linda. With Gwyneth Strong and Philip Davis. (Ceefax) (s) (954150)
10.45 Film: Mishima (1985). (Ceefax) See Choice (38583266)
12.40am On the Air (s) (5086483). Ends at **1.10**

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CHOICE

Rhythms of the World: Dancing with the Incas
BBC2, 8.20pm

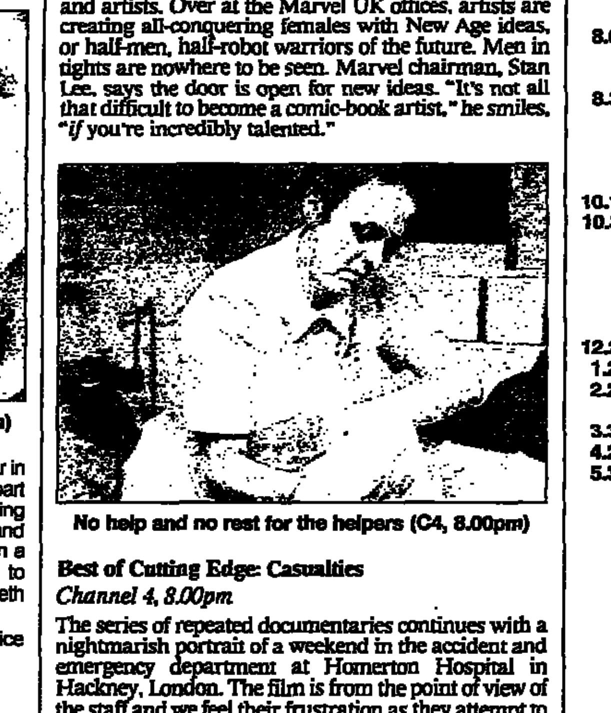
Film-maker John Cohen spent six months researching in Peru and has returned with a sensitive record of the way in which Peruvians revere music and dance as an affirmation of their culture, surviving against all odds. For a maid living in the city, it is a link with her rural past. For a popular band called the Shapis, it is a way to reach out to young people by singing about what they know – poverty. For Julia Illanes, a singer who used to perform sentimental songs, it has become a medium for political protest. The programme takes us to Lima and the high Andes, often in areas under control of the Shining Path guerrilla group. The music speaks volumes.

Film: Mishima
BBC2, 10.45pm

Paul Schrader makes the most of a terrific subject with his arty biographical drama on the Japanese playwright and novelist Yukio Mishima, played here by Ken Ogata. Mishima's death alone made him notorious; an ardent militarist with Samurai tendencies, he entered a Tokyo garrison in 1970 and committed "seppuku" a ritual suicide. The film treats these events relatively straightforwardly but becomes more stylised when it recalls key moments in his early life, shot in black and white. Its most elaborate and weird scenes come when it recreates his semi-autobiographical plays and novels. With a glorious Philip Glass score, the film is often mesmerising.

Opening Shot: Marvel Comics
LWT, 12.30pm and Channel 4, 6.30pm

At a time when comic-book superheroes have never been more popular in Hollywood, this enjoyable programme discusses what is happening at ground level. After years of domination by American figures such as Spiderman and the Incredible Hulk, the comic-book scene is changing to allow new types of hero including many from the pens of British writers and artists. Over at the Marvel UK offices, artists are creating all-conquering females with New Age ideas, or half-men, half-robot warriors of the future. Men in tights are nowhere to be seen. Marvel chairman, Stan Lee, says the door is open for new ideas. "It's not all that difficult to become a comic-book artist," he smiles, "*if* you're incredibly talented."



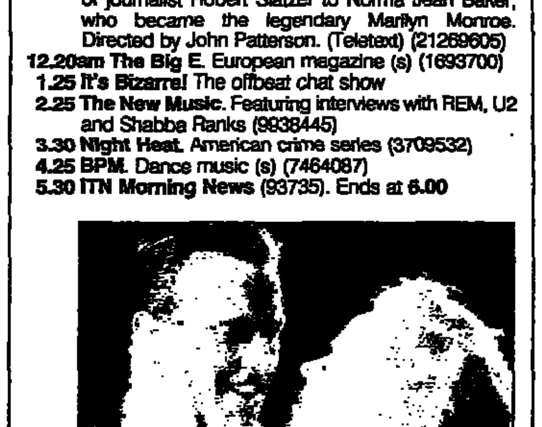
No help and no rest for the helpers (C4, 8.00pm)

Best of Cutting Edge: Casualties
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The series of repeated documentaries continues with a nightmarish portrait of a weekend in the accident and emergency department at Homerton Hospital in Hackney, London. The film is from the point of view of the staff and we feel their frustration as they attempt to juggle the needs of patients divided into categories of "life-threatening" (needs immediate attention), "urgent" (within one hour) or "minor" (can wait four hours or more). The weekend seems to get worse. It begins with a man found wandering naked in the high street and ends with a cardiac arrest patient and a stabbing victim, both brought in to hospital at the same time. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

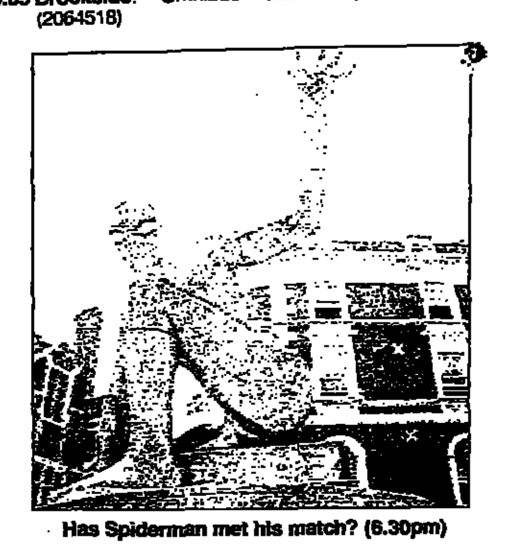
6.00 GMTV begins with **News** and weather (30174266) **7.40 Saturday Disney**. During their second week in Japan, Stuart Miles and Carmen Ejogo meet the footballer Gary Lineker, ride the bullet train and join in a television game show (4762150)
9.25 Gimme 5. Music, facts, fashion and cartoon fun, including *Scooby Doo* and *Bugs Bunny* (34370518)
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. Featuring the dance chart and, in the *Video Vault*, the Proclaimers perform their hit, "I'm Gonna Be 500 Miles" (r) (s) (80063)
12.30 Opening Shot: Marvel Comics. See Choice (s) (11889)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (50040727) **1.05 London Today** (51490268)
1.10 Movies, Games and Videos. Includes reviews of *Hot Shots! Part Deux* and, on video, Debra Winger and Steve Martin in *Leap of Faith* (71421686)
1.40 The Big Valley. Barbara Stanwyck stars in another episode from the western drama about a ranching family in 1870s California (7568889)
2.40 Sky High. The second of a three-part story from the Disney stable about two teenagers who crashland a vintage aeroplane on their maiden flight (3218624)
3.30 WCW Worldwide Wrestling. American bouts (2528353) **4.15 Cartoon Time** (2813044)
4.40 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (8997773) **5.00 London Today** and sport (2928063)
5.10 Cartoon Time (2924247)
5.20 MacGyver: On a Wing and a Prayer. MacGyver and his friend Jack Dalton pose as arms dealers to infiltrate a Latin American rebel camp. Starring Richard Dean Anderson and Bruce McGill. (Teletext) (7069334)
6.15 What You Lookin' At? Comedy series set in a south London youth club. Elaine, and Colin's dog Pumpkin, both go missing. With Robert McKewley and Bill Moody (s) (246112)
6.45 Beadle's About. A compilation of practical jokes played on unsuspecting members of the public by an enthusiastic Jeremy Beadle (706063)
7.30 The Upper Hand: Common Entrance. Charlie and Caroline argue about Joanna's choice of school. With Joe McGann, Diana Weston, Honor Blackman and Kellie Bright (r). (Teletext) (976)
8.00 The Bill: Give and Take. WPC Page (Lisa Geoghan) witnesses an officer plant drugs on a known dealer. (Teletext) (1686)
8.30 Film: The Final Heist (1991) starring Jan-Michael Vincent. Mundane thriller in which a former art thief is blackmailed into stealing a Van Gogh when his daughter is kidnapped. Directed by George Mihalka. (Teletext) (66751315)
10.15 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (148179)
10.35 Film: Marilyn and Me (1991) starring Susan Griffiths and Jesse Dabson. Absorbing drama, based on the alleged courtship and brief marriage of journalist Robert Slatzer to Norma Jean Baker, who became the legendary Marilyn Monroe. Directed by John Patterson. (Teletext) (21269605)
12.20am The Big E. European magazine (s) (1693700)
1.25 It's Bizarre! The offbeat chat show
2.25 The New Music. Featuring interviews with REM, U2 and Shabba Ranks (9938445)
3.30 Night Heat. American crime series (3709532)
4.25 BPM. Dance music (s) (7464087)
5.30 ITN Morning News (93735). Ends at **6.00**



Call me Marilyn: Dabson, Griffiths (10.35pm)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Cartoon adventures (r) (s) (8977605) **6.25 Wowser**. Animation (1140315) **6.40 Bobobobs** (r) (2512421) **7.05 The Legend of White Fang**. Cartoon based on Jack London's classic story (1991150) **7.35 Little Dracula**. Animation (3184537)
8.00 Pugwall's Summer. Children's adventure series (9054808) **8.25 Sportraits**. The American hurdler Ed Moses and the West Indian cricketer Viv Richards (3126773) **9.00 News Summary** (9825976) **9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line** (1581537)
10.00 Trans World Sport (66650)
11.00 Gaelic Games. Jim Neilly presents the first All-Ireland semi-final between Cork and Mayo (91686)
12.00 Sumo. Japanese wrestling (r) (91537)
12.30 Kasak. Episode 17 of a 20-part Pakistani drama serial (8729421)
1.05 Film: A Midsummer Night's Dream (1961). Richard Burton is the narrator in a puppet version of Shakespeare's comedy. Directed by Jiri Trnka and Howard Sackler (3473179)
2.25 Film: The Right Person (1955) starring Margo Lorenz and Douglas Wilmer. A short enigmatic thriller about a newlywed who is questioned about her husband's past by a mysterious stranger. Directed by Peter Cotes (r) (7586773)
3.00 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown. Derek Thompson introduces: **3.10** Unifilla Stakes; **3.40** Heart of Showbusiness Stakes Handicap; **4.15** William Hill Stakes Handicap; **4.45** Texas Homecare Stakes Handicap (97507976)
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition. (Teletext) (s) (2064518)



Has Spiderman met his match? (6.30pm)

6.30 Opening Shot: Marvel Comics (s). See Choice (334)
7.00 The World This Week (2889)
8.00 Best of Cutting Edge: Casualties (r). (Teletext) See Choice (1537)
9.00 Vic Reeves' Big Night Out on Tour. Surreal comedy with Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer, recorded live on stage at the City Hall, Newcastle, in 1991 (r). (Teletext) (s) (6710315)
10.05 The Big One: Blockhead. Domestic comedy series starring Mike McShane and Sandi Toksvig. James develops writer's block (r) (s) (512605)
10.35 Film: Europa (1991, b/w and colour) starring Jean-Marc Barr. The *Cinema! Cinema!* season continues with this ragged thriller about a young German-American who becomes embroiled in political intrigue in post-second world war Germany. In English and German with subtitles. Directed by Lars von Trier (75892402)
12.40am Film: Strangers on a Train (1951, b/w) starring Farley Granger and Robert Walker. Atmospheric thriller about two men, a psychopathic playboy and a bemused tennis player, who agree to swap murder victims. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. (Teletext) (683667). Ends at **2.30**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Car 54, Where Are You? (38792) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (16421) **7.00** Fun Factory (4903228) **12.00** Wrestling Mania (61808) **1.00pm** Rags to Riches (47228) **2.00** Bewitched (4732) **2.30** The Facts of Life (4044) **3.00** Cartoons (76266) **4.00** Dukes of Hazzard (55773) **5.00** Wrestling Superstars (4179) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (50792) **7.00** The Flash (69217) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (60957) **9.00** Cops I (51957) **9.30** Xposure (62537) **10.00** Wrestling Superstars (51268) **11.00** Stingray (45421) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1470841) **9.30** Talkback (46639) **10.00** Dayline (34565) **10.30** Week in Review (65911) **11.00** Dayline (62063) **11.30** Holiday Destinations (19699) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (93773) **1.30** The Reporters (94402) **2.30** Week In Review (44624) **3.30** Those Were The Days (20315) **4.30** Holiday Destinations (5150) **5.00** Live at Five (68624) **6.30** Fashion TV (29315) **7.30** The Reporters (3179) **8.00** News Hour (17711) **9.30** Week in Review (10228) **10.30** The Reporters (56606) **11.30** Fashion TV (26179) **12.30am** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (31629) **1.30** Travel Destinations (77464) **2.30** Week in Review (41984) **3.30** Target (26629) **4.30** *FT* West of Moscow (95358) **5.30** The Reporters (40687)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (74792)
8.00 Run Wild, Run Free (1969): A mute boy befriends a white colt (92966228)
9.50 Pancho Barnes (1988). Biopic of the American aviator (73806792)
12.25pm Shipwrecked (1991): A boy goes to sea to save his parents' farm (809537)
2.00 Frankenstein: The College Years (1992): Students succeed in reanimating a dead body (87860)
4.00 Survive the Savage Sea (1992): A family sets sail for Australia (2711)
6.00 Body Slam (1987): A wrestler becomes a rock'n'roll star (51204)
8.00 The Long Walk Home (1989). Sissy Spacek and Whoopi Goldberg forge a friendship and a political alliance (79841)
10.00 Liebestraum (1991): A man gets involved in the repercussions of a murder that took place 30 years ago (168678)
11.55 Myriam. A woman is dissatisfied with her marriage (984537)
1.30am Graveyard Shift (1990): Factory workers find themselves under siege from a plague of killer rats (68326280)
3.45 Hoodwinked (1990). Robert Mitchum comes to regret trusting an old adversary (647880). Ends at **5.15**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Dames (1934). The show goes on despite a millionaire trying to stop it (7583)
6.00 The Beast with Five Fingers (1946): A man is menaced by a severed hand (85686)
8.00 National Lampoon's Animal House (1978): College campus comedy (60131)
10.00 Dressed to Kill (1980): A killer stalks Angie Dickinson and Nancy Allen whose only connection is their psychiatrist, Michael Caine (521537). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Sideout (1990): A college boy and a beach bum team up for volleyball (72334)
8.00 Caribbean (1952). Cedric Hardwicke plays pirates on the high seas (20624)
10.00 The Buster Keaton Story (1957): Biopic of the star of the silent screen (44131)
12.00 Xanadu (1980). Olivia Newton-John plays the Goddess of Dance (10247)
2.00pm Trapeze (1956). Tony Curtis wants Burt Lancaster to show him the ropes (85402)
4.00 Matters of the Heart (1991) Jane Seymour plays a concert pianist who has an affair with a teenage protegy (3763)
6.00 Stepping Out (1991). Liza Minnelli teaches Julie Walters to tap dance (51286)
8.00 Navy SEALS (1990): Charlie Sheen leads the elite force to Beirut (49421)
10.00 Star Wars: Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey (1991) Reeves. **Pump up the Volume** (1990) Slater. **The Doors** (1991) Kilmer (46981686)
12.20am Backstreet Dreams (1991): Jason O'Malley struggles to provide for his wife and autistic son (247754)
2.00 Far Out Man (1969) An ageing hippie goes on a cross-country trip (81667)
3.30 Walking Tall 91973): Joe Don Baker plays the baseball bat-swinging Southern sheriff (23483) Ends at **5.30**

SKY SPORTS

6.00am Rugby Union: Australia v South Africa (46518) **8.00** Windsurfing (95976) **8.30** World Sports Special (94247) **9.00** Jack High (58570) **10.00** Soccer Weekend (88150) **11.00** US PGA Golf (63605) **1.00pm** Sports Saturday (7775353) **6.00** The Winning Post (80179) **7.30** Italian Super-Cup Football (91044) **9.30** US PGA Golf (43841) **11.00** Rugby Union (52518) **1.00-3.00am** Australian Rugby League (58822)

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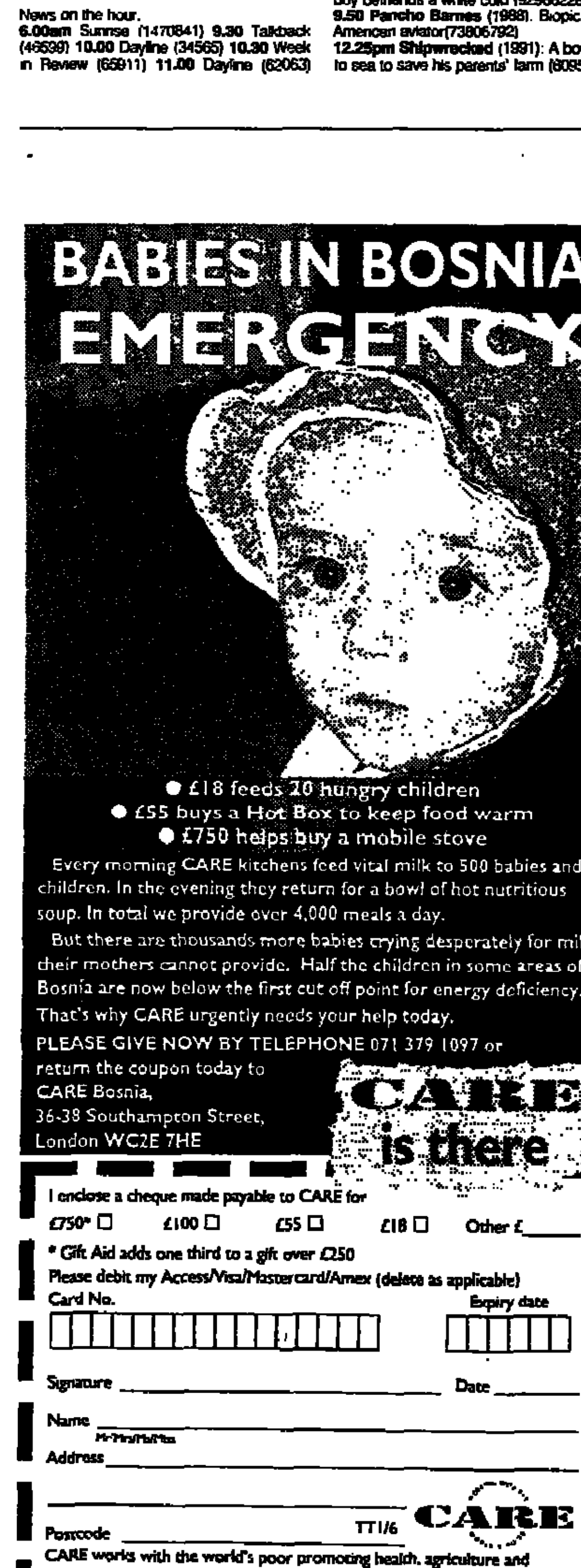
7.30am Step Aerobics (84334) **8.00** Athletics IAAF World Championships (86044) **9.00** Motorsport Report (83286) **10.00** Cycling World Championships (10773) **12.00** Athletics (54605) **2.00pm** Tennis ATP Tour (29860) **4.00** Golf Murphy's English Open (4711) **6.00** Cycling (19044) **7.00** Tennis ATP Tour (85063) **9.00** Athletics (10112) **11.00-1.00am** Tennis ATP Tour (47686)

UK GOLD

7.00am Michael Bentine's Potty Time (8339547) **7.30** Rude Dog and The Dweebs (9883832) **8.00** Lassie (1338860) **8.30** Film: The Secret Garden (1337131) **9.00** Jem (1351711) **9.30** The Raccoons (5131044) **10.00** Defenders of the Earth (7842131) **10.30** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (1357995) **11.00** Film: The Lost Patrol (50096599) **12.15pm** Film: The Philadelphia Story (7521792) **2.15** Bless This House (9852044) **2.45** EastEnders Omnibus (53402860) **5.30** Ballet Shoes (8677088) **6.00** The Little and Large Show (5322911) **6.30** Just for Laughs (7322191) **7.00** Bless This House (1696334) **7.30** In Sickness and in Health (1922155) **8.00** Bergerac (1627518) **9.00** The Perry Mason Mystery (90752860) **10.45** Film: The Bedroom Window (5917088) **12.45** Naked Video (3684735) **1.15** Three of a Kind (3681648) **1.45-2.00am** Video Bites (32702990)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (73315) **7.00** The Diplodos (66537) **7.30** Widget (45044) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (37976) **8.30** Ratkan ti (36247) **9.00** Sharky and George (27599) **9.30** The Garbage Pail Kids (78711) **10.00** Boy Dominic (37537) **10.30** Kissyfur (49711) **11.00** Ins Captain Pugwash (53353) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (54082) **12.00** Dinonders (30063) **12.30pm** Ironman (56599) **1.00** Fifteen **2.00** The Witches and the Grinnygog (3624) **2.30** Flash Gordon (6686) **3.00** You Can't Do That On Television (2131) **3.30** Round The Bend (1131) **4.00** The Electric Stringvest (44605) **5.00** The Bartons (4978) **5.30** Start Here (6042) **6.00-7.00pm** Fame (64518)



VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games and Videos (11889) **1.05** Anglia News (51490268) **1.10** Warner Cartoon (68145191) **1.15** World Wide Wrestling (3366421) **2.00** The A-Team (7574624) **2.55-4.40** Film: The Death Train (11391860) **5.00** Anglia News, Sport and Weather (7635334) **5.15** Warner Cartoon (6725976) **5.20-6.15** Baywatch (7069334) **12.20am** Hollywood Report (6959551) **12.50** Film: No Room to Run (855342) **2.35** BPM (9361844) **3.40** The Little Picture Show (3627984) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (3336193)

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games and Videos (11889) **1.05** Central News (51490268) **1.10** C.O.P.S. (71431063) **1.35** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (19065334) **2.05** The *Evening Standard* Biggin Hill International Airfair (7573995) **3.00** The A-Team (2398773) **3.55-4.40** WCW World Wide Wrestling (5109204) **5.00** Central News (8735353) **5.05-5.20** The Central Match Goals Extra (7634605) **12.20am** Film. The Deadly Force (174209) **2.05** It's Bizarre! (7628483) **3.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (14795) **3.30** America's Top Ten (27990) **4.00** Central Jobfinder '93 (7822174) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9626938)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (11889) **1.05** HTV News and Weather (51490268) **1.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (71421686) **1.40** The Mountain Bike Show (19064605) **2.10** Get Wet (65556624) **2.40** McCloud (58308599) **4.30-4.40** Warner Cartoon (4852353) **5.00** HTV News and Weather (2928063) **5.10-5.20** Disney Cartoon Time (2924247) **12.20am** Hollywood Report (6959551) **12.50** Film. No Room to Run (855342) **2.35** BPM (9361844) **3.40** The Little Picture Show (3627984) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (3336193)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.10 HTV Wales News and Weather (51490268) **5.00-5.10** HTV Wales News and Weather (2928063)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today (11889) **1.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (71421686) **1.40** The Mountain Bike Show (19064605) **2.10** Film: Hardcastle and McCormick (787889) **3.55-4.40** WCW World Wide Wrestling (5109204) **5.00** News and Weather (2928063) **5.10-5.20** Cartoon Time (2924247) **12.25am** One to One (6968822) **12.55** The Big E (1934613) **1.50** Get Stuffed! (5707342) **2.00** Film: The Crater Lake Monster (41071) **3.30** Cue the Music (27919) **4.30-5.30** BPM (53358)

TYNE-TEES

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games and Videos (11889) **1.05** News (51490268) **1.10** The A-Team (4191773) **2.05** Stormin' Home (799624) **3.45-4.40** McCloud (2307808) **5.00** Tyne Tees Saturday (2928063) **5.10-5.20** Disney Cartoon Time (2924247) **12.20am** Beverly Hills, 90210 (9004990) **1.15** Kojak (8159782) **2.10** BPM (7615919) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (8635822) **4.10** Cue the Music (3136803) **5.10-5.30** The Twilight Zone (9280358)

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sus (11889) **1.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (71421686) **1.40** The Mountain Bike Show (19064605) **2.10** Movies, Games and Videos (65556624) **2.40** The A-Team (3209976) **3.35** Cartoon Time (6751226) **3.55-4.40** Wrestling (5109204) **5.00** UTV Live (8735353) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (8734624) **9.45-10.15** UTV Live (544266) **12.20am** Hollywood Report (6959551) **12.50** Film: No Room to Run (856342) **2.35** BPM (9361844) **3.40** The Little Picture Show (3627984) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (3336193)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games and Videos (11889) **1.10** Film: Follow Me Boys (46334518) **3.40** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (5851131) **4.10-4.40** The Mountain Bike Show (4845686) **5.00** Weekend Latest (2928063) **5.10-5.20** Disney Cartoon Time (2924247) **12.20am** Hollywood Report (6959551) **12.50** Film No Room to Run (855342) **2.35** BPM (9361844) **3.40** The Little Picture Show (3627984) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (3336193)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games and Videos (11889) **1.05** Calendar News (51490268) **1.10** The A-Team (4191773) **2.05** Stormin' Home (799624) **3.45-4.40** McCloud (2307808) **5.00** Calendar News (2928063) **5.10-5.20** Cartoon Time (2924247) **12.20am** Beverly Hills, 90210 (9004990) **1.15** Kojak (8159782) **2.10** BPM (7615919) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (8635822) **4.10** Cue the Music (3136803) **5.10-5.30** The Twilight Zone (9280358)

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Starts: 7.05am The Legend of White Fang (1991150) **7.35** Little Dracula (3184537) **8.00** Pugwall's Summer (9054808) **8.25** Sportraits (3126773) **9.00** News (9825976) **9.15** Racing: The Morning Line (1581537) **10.00** Slot Sadwrn (28179) **12.00pm** Trans World Sport (21266) **1.00** Gaelic Games (97006) **2.00** The Best of Cutting Edge (59112) **3.00** Channel 4 Racing (97507976) **5.05** Brookside (2064518) **6.30** Hypnosis (334) **7.00** Newyddion (699247) **7.15** Gemau Heb Ffiniau (8957334) **8.30** Mwg Glas Lleaud Waed (86993995) **10.20** The Stain (413995) **10.35** Film: Europa (75892402)

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only) **6.00** Neale James: The Weekend Breakfast Show **10.00** Clare Sturgess **1.00pm** Adrian Justo **2.00** For Those About to Rock: An Incredibly Tap-ist **3.00** Johnnie Walker **5.30** The Saturday Rock Show **8.00** Sting — Live in Concert **10.00** Andy Kershaw **12.00** John Peel (FM only) **3.00-6.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Colin Berry **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew **10.00** Sarah Kennedy **12.00** Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** The Queen of Romance by Stephen Sheridan with Lesley Joseph (2/6) **2.00** Ronnie Hilton **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** Give a Little Whistle. See Choice **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough **6.00** Chas and Dave Plus Friends (1/5) **7.00** Kate and Friends **7.30** Gala Triple Bill with John Sachs **9.30** David Jacobs **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme with Sheridan Morley **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton **1.00-4.00am** Jon Briggs with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service. **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Go! **11.00** Test Match Special: England v Australia from The Oval with Brian Johnston and Roy Hudd **1.30pm** Sport on Five with John Inverdale **7.30** Afropop Worldwide **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** The Way Out **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Jazz Now and Then **5.45** Worldbrief **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Inside Westminster **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Worldbrief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Jazz Now and Then **11.15** Letter from America **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.01** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Sportsworld **6.00** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** Proms '93 **8.15** From Our Own Correspondent **8.35** Write On **8.45** From the Weeklies **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Personal View **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Jazz for the Asking **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The John Dunn Show **2.00** News **2.01** Play of the Week: Noah **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Images of Wales **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Joan Thirkettle **9.00** Classic Countdown with Alan Freeman **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Nicky Horne **6.00** Classic America with Mel Cooper **7.00** Classic Opera: Boito's *Mefistofele* with Luciano Pavarotti as Faust, Nicolai Ghiaurov as Mefistofele and Mirella Freni as Margherita **10.00** Six of the Best **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Big Red Mug Show **1.00pm** Paul Coyte **4.00** Dave Fanning **7.00** Wendy Lloyd **10.00** Tommy Rivers **2.00-6.00am** Sandy Beach

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Montaigne and Political Anarchy
6.55 Weather
7.00 Saturday Morning Concert: Beethoven (Overture, Prometheus: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Yan Pascal Tortelier); Rachmaninov (The Rock: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Owain Arwel Hughes); Grieg (Piano Concerto in A minor: BBC Concert Orchestra under Jiri Starek); Smetana (Tabor, Ma Vlast: BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 1 in D minor: BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka)
9.00 News
9.05 Prom News: Witold Lutoslawski discusses the British debut of his Symphony No 4; interviews with Mariss Janson and Robert Ziegler
9.20 Record Release introduced by Richard Osborne. Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op 18 No 1: Kodaly Quartet); Rameau (Suite in G minor); Verdi (Don Carlo, Act 1 sc 2, conclusion); Widor (Piano Quartet in A minor, Op 66); Verdi (Don Carlo, Act 3 sc 2); Moncayo (Huapango); Beethoven, transcr Liszt (Symphony No 5 in C minor: Leslie Howard, piano)
12.00 Spirit of the Age. Period Portait. Melvyn Tan chooses music and talks about his career to George Pratt (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 The Other Five. French chamber music by composers whose music was heard in Paris in the 1920s. Charles Koechlin (Horn Sonata: Barry Tuckwell, horn, Daniel Blumenthal, piano)
1.35 Test Match Special, England v Australia. Commentary on the third day's play in the Sixth Test at The Oval from Brian Johnston, Jonathan Agnew, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Neville Oliver. With expert comment from Trevor Bailey and Vic Marks. Scorer Bill Frindall. Incl **3.45-4.00** Your Letters Answered
6.10 Evening Sequence
7.15 Prom News (r)
7.30 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall, London. The National Youth Chamber Orchestra under Stephen Kovacevich with David Pyatt (horn) plays Wagner (Siegfried Idyll); Strauss (Horn Concerto No 2 in E flat); Webern (Concerto for nine instruments, Op 24); Beethoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor). In the interval at **8.10** Wir Lachen Doch! Andrew Sachs asks political satirist Henning Venske what makes the Germans laugh
9.30 Studio Three: Blue Glass and the Sun God. See Choice
10.30 Gerry Mulligan. An archive recording of a concert given by the legendary baritone saxophonist. Including Mulligan (Sun on the stairs; A gift for Dizzy; Out back of the Barn; 42nd and Broadway; Absent friends (don't go away); With a smile on your face); Bassman/Washington (I'm getting sentimental over you); Carmichael (Georgia on my mind); Mulligan (The Flying Scotsman; I never was a young man; Bweebida bobbida; Walk on the water; Song for Strayhorn; K-4 Pacific); Ellington/Strayhorn (Satin doll) (r)
12.30-12.35am News

CHOICE

Blue Glass and the Sun God. *Radio 3, 9.30pm.*
Like Anthony George's recent Radio 4 play *Of Myths and Men*, Tina Pepler's Radio 3 fantasy sees the intervention of Greek gods as the only cure for 20th-century ossification. George opted for a do-gooding sea monster. Pepler brings back Apollo (Gerard Murphy), god of music, song and poetry. His unlikely emissary is a latter-day Orpheus (Steve Hodson, lover of his garden gnome called Guinevere, and hammer of an arts-resistant Minister for the Arts (Christian Rodska). *Blue Glass and the Sun God* would be unimaginable in any medium except radio.

Give a Little Whistle. *Radio 2, 4.00pm.*
The jury at this year's Prix Monte Carlo, who awarded first prize to Tony Hare's history of whistling, said that no entry in this competition had ever given the judges so much joy. The programme's framework is last year's European Whistling Championships staged in Eastbourne, where "Colonel Bogey" rubbed shoulders with Rossini. "In a Monastery Garden" with Handel. There has probably never been an end-of-the-pier show like it. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.45** Business News **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day; **7.55** Weather **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway, with Eddie Mair
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Ned Sherrin presents this first edition of a new series live from the Pleasance Theatre, Edinburgh
11.00 News; Talking Politics: David Walter visits the Netherlands. The Prime Minister, Ruud Lubbers, is the front runner to take over from Jacques Delors as the President of the European Commission
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Inside Money with Roger White
12.25 They Think It's All Over: Desmond Lynam referees a quiz with Rory Bremner, Rory McGrath, Garry Herbert and Trevor Brooking **12.55** Weather
1.00 News 1.10 Any Questions? Nick Clarke with Brenda Dean, chair of the premium phone line watchdog body, ICSTIS; David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, Alan Duncan, MP; and Glenda Jackson, MP tackle the issues raised in Lincolnshire (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444
2.30 Playhouse: Mermaid Sandwich by Phil Wilmott. Henry creates children's books featuring Molly the Mermaid, but then a real-life woman emerges from the sea (r)
4.00 News; Age to Age Christopher Cook and Sean Street invite you to join them at Montacute House in Somerset
4.30 Science Now presented by Alun Lewis
5.00 Costing the Earth with Roger Harrabin
5.25 Bright Sparks: Anne Kelleher talks to Jonardon Ganeri. At school in Staffordshire, Ganeri wanted to be a mathematician. Then he read a book about Indian philosophy **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and Sports Round-Up
6.25 Struck Off and Die: Dr Phil Hammond and Dr Tony Gardner explode the myths of medicine
6.50 Ad Lib with Robert Robinson
7.20 Kaleidoscope. The Oxford Playhouse: Many Happy Returns. John Miller reports on one theatre's success story
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: Death Against the Odds by Michael McStay. Two murders in one night cause Coleman and Astor to lose some sleep
9.20 Music in Mind
9.50 Ten to Ten 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Stories from the Steam Room: Steaming is now less about "taking the waters" as catching up on the latest gossip
10.45 Encounters: Christopher Cook discovers something of the great figures (r)
11.00 The Tingle Factor: David Emanuel reveals the moments in music that send a shiver down his spine
11.30 Boogie Up the River. Mark Wallington and his mongrel set off in an antique camping skiff (1 of 6) (r)
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

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BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (12303)
7.30 Wiz Bang (r) (s) (1117754) **7.40 Pigeon Street** (r) (1197990) **7.55 Playdays** (r) (s) (5241434)
8.15 Breakfast with Frost Guest presenter Anna Ford talks to Treasury secretary Michael Portillo and to John Monks, general secretary elect to the TUC. Matthew Parris of *The Times* and the writer Frances Edmonds review the Sunday papers (614735)
9.15 Summer Sunday. Graham Young explores Dublin and visits Trinity College (s) (1452071)
10.00 Student Choice '93. Advice for those who have just received their A-level results (s) (4971087)
10.55 Cricket: Sixth Test. Tony Lewis introduces coverage of the fourth day's play between England and Australia from the Oval (s) (15356808)
12.30 CountryFile. John Craven looks at water pollution caused by herbicides (s) (2453629). **Wales**: Down to Earth **12.55 Weather** (71120990)
1.00 News (55494223) **1.05 Harry and the Hendersons**. Comedy series. (Ceefax) (71416754)
1.30 Tom and Jerry (r). (Ceefax) (77051990)
1.45 EastEnders. Omnibus. (Ceefax) (s) (992025)
2.45 Athletics. Desmond Lynam presents action from the World Championship in Stuttgart. The line-up is: **2.45** men's high jump; **3.00** women's 1500m and women's javelin; **3.20** women's 4x100m relay; **3.40** men's 4x100m relay; **4.00** men's 10,000m; **4.50** men's 1500m; **5.10** women's 4x400m relay; **5.30** men's 4x400m relay (36664367)
6.10 News with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (380990)
6.25 Summer Praise. Pam Rhodes reports from on board HMS Victory as the Queen visits Southampton docks as part of the 175th anniversary celebrations of the British Sailor's Society. (Ceefax) (s) (624735)
7.00 Last of the Summer Wine. Compo, Clegg and Foggy drink a toast or three to the memory of old Sylvester. Starring Bill Owen, Peter Sallis and Brian Wilde (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1648)
7.30 Strathblair. Alec's future hangs in the balance as the Highland villagers go to the polls. With David Robb. (Ceefax) (s) (554342)



Fatal reflections: Hickson, Simmons (8.20pm)

8.20 Miss Marple: They Do It With Mirrors. Joan Hickson stars as Agatha Christie's amateur sleuth, whose visit to the home of a childhood friend leads, not surprisingly, to a murder investigation. With David Horovitch, Ian Brimble and Jean Simmons (r). (Ceefax) (s) (60552209)
10.15 News with Michael Buerk. (Teletext) (518025)
10.30 Everyman: Mr Sean. A celebration of the short life and tragic death of the Unicef aid worker Sean Devereux, who was killed in Somalia earlier this year (r). (Teletext) (985071). **Northern Ireland**: The Championship (335532); 11.05 Everyman (136483)
11.10 The Train Now Departing. Steam locomotives still in operation in Britain (r) (191700)
11.40 Cricket: Sixth Test. Highlights of the fourth day's play from the Oval (s) (472822). **Northern Ireland**: 11.45 The Train Now Departing (640025); 12.15am Cricket: Sixth Test (1426323)
12.20am The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore discusses the probability that the solar system could be larger than previously thought (s) (9308025). **Northern Ireland**: (to 1.15) The Sky at Night (4446014)
12.40 Weather (6072217). Ends at **12.45**

BBC2

6.40 Open University: Maths: Heads and Tails (2594025) **7.00** Music: Formal Analysis (7920071) **7.30** Education. Time to Learn (3054342) **7.55** Richard II: Character of a King (3346808 **8.20** *King Lear* (1346174) **8.45** Young Turks in Germany (6224174)
9.10 System '93. Children's game show hosted by Herman the computer (5220716) **9.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles**. Animated adventures (r) (6969754) **9.55 Jonny Briggs** (r) (4510754)
10.10 Rugrats. Cartoon adventures of the carpet babies (s) (3606716) **10.35 Grange Hill**. School drama series (r). (Ceefax) (4186532)
11.00 F.O.T. Young viewers have to decide whether film clips are false or true (s) (6387071) **11.25 What's That Noise?** The Tracy Brothers meet London Beat, Soul II Soul, American percussionist Vinx, violinist Vanessa Mae and film composer Michael Kamen (r) (s) (4821268)
11.50 The O-Zone. Featuring music from the Bee Gees and Terence Trent D'Arby (s) (7912990)
12.05 The Flintstones. Cartoon fun with the Stone Age family (r) (8151006)
12.30 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.35** (2464735), **1.35** (14370464) and **3.40** (52364445) Cricket: Sixth Test. England v Australia from the Oval; **1.05** (71485261) Motor Racing: Round 11 of the British Formula 3 Championship from Snetterton; **3.40** (52364445) Golf: The final round of the English Open from the Forest of Arden Golf and Country Club. **Northern Ireland**: (to 5.00) The Championship Live



Russia's Yamil Peninsula under threat (7.40pm)

7.40 The Prize: The New Order of Oil (s). See Choice (707613)
8.30 Summer Dance. The series ends with two ballets very different in style, which are both performed by the Dutch National Ballet. *Corps* is choreographed by Hans van Manen and *Groosland* by Maguy Marin (s) (10629)
9.30 The Genes Debate. Mark Lawson chairs a discussion about the moral and ethical principles involved in genetic research (315358)
10.15 Life Story. Following *The Genes Debate*, a repeat of William Nicholson's 1987 Bafta-Award winning drama about the race to unravel the mystery of DNA. Starring Jeff Goldblum, Tim Pigott-Smith and Juliet Stevenson. (Ceefax) (808209)
12.05am Moviedrome: Alex Cox introduces **The Big Combo** (1955, b/w) starring Cornel Wilde, Jean Wallace, Brian Donlevy and Richard Conte. A stylish *film noir* from the director Joseph H. Lewis in which a police lieutenant becomes obsessed with bringing a sadistic racketeer to justice. (Ceefax) (723255). Ends at **1.40**

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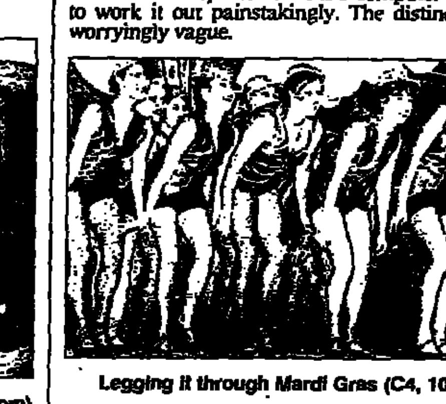
CHOICE

The South Bank Show: Norman Wisdom
ITV, 10.35pm

In an absorbing profile, Melvyn Bragg interviews the man he calls "the most successful clown in British cinema". Hearing about Wisdom's childhood, you would think he had little to smile about. His mother left his father when he was nine, after which he was subject to beatings from dad. He walked barefoot from London to Wales and at the age of 14 became a cabin boy on a ship. His "big break" came a little later when he joined the army as a bandsman, first learning the clarinet and then, after he fell over accidentally, how to make people laugh. A candid interviewee, Wisdom admits that success came not just because he was funny, but because he always knew how to play on people's sympathies.

Equinox: The Emperor's New Mind
C4, 7.00pm

In a programme guaranteed to provoke arguments, mathematician Roger Penrose attempts to outwit proponents of "strong" artificial intelligence, in other words people who believe that the entire human consciousness could eventually be replicated by computer. Most people know this instinctively, but Penrose is interested in proving it logically, looking at the mind materialistically. To my unscientific mind, some of his arguments seem to lack rigour. He suggests, for example, that a human being can see whether irregularly-shaped tiles would fit together to fill an infinite space, whereas a computer would have to work it out painstakingly. The distinction seems worryingly vague.



Legging it through Mardi Gras (C4, 10.40pm)

Summer's Out: Feed them to the Cannibals
Channel 4, 10.40pm

As part of Channel 4's season on homosexual themes comes this film on the Sydney Lesbian and Gay Mardi Gras, one of the largest gay events in the world. Participants point out that the New South Wales tourism commission refuses to list the Mardi Gras in its promotional literature, a wasted opportunity given the crowd-drawing nature of the parade. For gays there is a political satisfaction in taking over the streets while heterosexuals watch behind barriers, but for many straight spectators it is simply a colourful pageant. A more decadant affair is the Sleaze Ball which raises money for the event. Unabashed straights turn up for this too, but some gays resent what they see as hypocrisy. As one laments: "After they've partied with us, the next day they can just as easily bash us in the streets."

The Prize
BBC2, 7.40pm

The final part of an enlightening series on oil looks to the future. Worried about the environment, the United States is no longer proud of its oil industry, but it knows that people will not give up their cars. By contrast, poorer countries are often anxious to build up a lucrative oil trade. Author of *The Prize*, Daniel Yergin, suggests that developers are most excited about Siberia. Some of the programme's strangest images are of Siberians being taught by American oil men how to use petrol-powered snow-mobiles instead of reindeer.

Stephanie Billen

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (4739822) **9.25 Heidi** The girl returns to live with her grandfather (5245025) **9.50 The Littlest Hobo**. The dog rescues a teenage sailor (6968025)
10.15 The Mountain Bike Show. Featuring action from the Malvern Classic (481209)
10.45 Link. A profile of Gerry Jones, an epileptic radio dramatist. (Teletext) (8582716)
11.00 Morning Worship from St Peter and St Paul Roman Catholic Church, Wakefield (91716)
12.00 Life and Soul. An imam and his family talk about how they reconcile the need to integrate while maintaining their Islamic traditions (91667)
12.30 Cobblestones, Cottages and Castles. David Young tours the West Country visiting some intriguing pubs (43713)
1.00 ITN News with Dermot Murnaghan. **Regional news** and weather (84482984)
1.10 Cartoon Time (21955551)
1.30 An Invitation to Remember. Sylvia Syms talks about her life on stage and screen (93254)
2.00 Gloria! Gloria Hunniford takes a musical trip through the Norfolk Broads. Her guests include the comedian Bobby Ball, the singer Alvin Stardust and Lon Satton from the stage show, *Starlight Express*. (Teletext) (1963396)
2.35 The Sunday Match. Millwall v Southend. The Lions play their first league match at the new Senegal Fields stadium. Plus highlights of Bristol City v Crystal Palace. Introduced by Matthew Lorenzo with commentary from Brian Moore (22356984)
5.30 The $64,000 Question. Fast-moving quiz show presented by Bob Monkhouse (s) (532)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (579795)
6.20 ITN News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (645984)
6.30 Father Dowling Investigates: The Prodigal Son Mystery. Tom Bosley stars as the sleuthing priest. A man claims to be Father Dowling's son. With Tracy Nelson. (Teletext) (s) (89803)
7.30 Second Thoughts: Foreign Exchange. An Italian student causes chaos. Starring James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham (r). (Teletext) (s) (209)
8.00 New Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown. Peter Falk stars as the absent-minded detective in the rumpled mac. This week he investigates the death of an actor (Teletext) (s) (17357174)
9.45 News with Dermot Murnaghan (368342)
10.05 Over the Rainbow Comedy about four music business hopefuls. Starring Angeline Ball, Bronagh Gallagher, Eamon Morrissey and Peter Sullivan. (Teletext) (s) (609716)



Clowning around: Norman Wisdom (10.35pm)

10.35 The South Bank Show: Norman Wisdom. See Choice (177445)
11.35 McCloud: The Barefoot Stewardess Caper. The cowboy detective hunts an airline stewardess who doubles as a cat burglar (r) (658551)
1.35 Cue the Music. Ten Years After in concert (8919586)
2.40 Film: Another Woman's Child (1983) starring Linda Lavin and Tony LoBianco. The lives of a childless couple are disrupted by the arrival of the husband's illegitimate daughter. Directed by John Erman (825566) **4.35 Extreme Asia** (33505830)
5.00 Crusade in the Pacific (99656)
5.30 ITN Morning News (28507). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (1291303) **6.55 Wowser** Canine animation (6729358) **7.05 The Wombles**. Wellington discovers a fruit machine on Wimbledon Common (r) (5435735) **7.15 Widget**. Adventures of the creature from outer space (7019919)
7.40 The California Raisin Show. Musical animation (r) (3141822) **8.05 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors** (r) (9013551) **8.30 The Adventures of T-Rex**. Animated dinosaurs (88193)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. American high school comedy (79445)
9.30 Dennis. Cartoon adventures of the mischievous boy (r) (4593087)
9.45 Flipper. An oceanographer tests a shark repellant (384342)
10.15 Owl TV. Michaela Strachan visits Whipsnade Wild Animal Park. (Teletext) (472551)
10.45 Land of the Giants. An impecunious giant captures a tiny traveller (r) (619280)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie. Mrs Oleson's gossip causes trouble. Starring Michael Landon (615464)
12.45 Film: The Great Ziegfeld (1936, b/w) starring William Powell, Luise Rainer and Myrna Loy. Spectacular musical biography of the flamboyant showbusiness impresario Florenz Ziegfeld, who began his career as a fairground barker. Directed by Robert Z. Leonard (60587648)
3.55 Dog Brain. Canadian animation about a snoozing guard dog (4814716) **4.00 Bolero**. A classical music video inspired by Greek mythology and set in a circus tent (r) (s) (4824193)
4.25 The Christians: Missions Abroad. Bamber Gascoigne traces the development of Christianity during the Victorian era. In 1851, a census showed that only 40 per cent of the population worshipped on a Sunday (r). (Teletext) (9521613) **5.25 News** summary and weather (8789174)
5.30 Hypnosis. The music show features DJ Colin Favor, D:Influence and Adamski (174)
6.00 The Real World. American documentary series about a group of young people. Julie's family try to persuade her to return home (s) (777)
6.30 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy starring Bill Cosby. Cliff and Clair discover that daughter Rudy has been to an over-15s dance club. (Teletext) (s) (667)
7.00 Equinox: The Emperor's New Mind. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (5311)
8.00 Concerto! Dudley Moore and Michael Tilson Thomas, principal conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra, meet the pianist Alicia de Larrocha to discuss Beethoven's First Piano Concerto (s) (9919)



Beebop crazy: Stiller, Lake, Divine (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: Hairspray (1988) starring Divine, Sonny Bono, Debbie Harry, Jerry Stiller and Ricki Lake. Comic satire set in early 1960s Baltimore. The spoilt presenter of a televison dance show is ousted by an overweight teenage girl. Directed by John Waters (Teletext) (65066803)
10.40 Summer's Out: Feed Them to the Cannibals. See Choice (6519445)
11.45 Summer's Out: Desire. As a tribute to the film-maker Stuart Marshall, another chance to see his moving history of the lives of lesbians and gay men in Nazi Germany (804803). End at **1.25am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.25am Rin Tin Tin Hero of the West (7808919) **10.05** Cartoon (1703261) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (481209) **12.30pm** Countrywide (2471025) **1.10-2.00** Stuntmasters (3325174) **2.35** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (6590667) **3.05-5.30** Film. Henry VIII and His Six Wives (15340713) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News (579795) **11.35** The Twilight Zone (682213) **12.05am** Quiz Night (6839743) **12.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5978410) **1.05** Film: Somewhere Beyond Love (755633) **2.55** The New Music (9874781) **3.55** Entertainment UK (3622439) **4.50** America's Top Ten (33526323) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (6831014)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.25am Rin Tin Tin Hero of the West (7808919) **10.05** Cartoon Time (1703261) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (481209) **12.30pm** Central Newsweek (2471025) **1.10-2.00** Beyond 2000 (3325174) **2.35** Take 15 (4382938) **2.50** The Central Match (14698071) **5.05** The $64,000 Question (2991209) **5.35** Life Goes On (309498) **6.30-7.30** Murder, She Wrote (89803) **11.35** Film: Colour Scheme (826025) **1.10am** Prisoner: Cell Block H (2203762) **2.10** Rivera (7529168) **3.05** Cue the Music (8530323) **4.05** Central Jobfinder (2335014) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9513410)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.25am Film. The Magic Galoshes (1530803) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (481209) **12.30-1.00** HTV Newsweek (43713) **1.10** The A-Team (3325174) **2.00** Gloria (1963396) **2.35** Meredith on Sunday (6590667) **3.05** The West Match (2362716) **4.00** Film: Enchantment (10841532) **5.45** The $64,000 Question (365822) **11.35** Love at First Sight (682213) **12.05am** Quiz Night (6839743) **12.35** Cinema (5978410) **1.05** Film. Somewhere Beyond Love (755633) **2.55** The New Music (9874781) **3.55** Entertainment UK (3622439) **4.50** America's Top Ten (33526323) **5.15** Jobfinder (6831014)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 12.30-1.00 Playback (43713) **2.00** Gloria! (1963396) **2.35** Welsh Learner of the Year (6590667) **3.05-4.00** Soccer Sunday (2362716) **11.35-12.35pm** Love at First Sight (209803)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.25am Rin Tin Tin Hero of the West (7808919) **10.05** Cartoon (1703261) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (481209) **12.30pm** Dog Days (4367513) **1.10** Gloria! (7549754) **1.45** Sprockets (741193) **2.15** Film. Passionate Summer (423700) **4.05** Cartoon (2704174) **4.20** Life Goes On (3148532) **5.15** The $64,000 Question (366551) **5.45** Champions (365822) **6.30-7.30** Murder, She Wrote (89803) **11.35** Film Vengeance: The Story of Tony Cimo (530716) **1.20am** The ITV Chart Show (2200675) **2.20** The Art of Landscape (6424323) **2.50** Coach (1439694) **3.30** Anything Goes (98323) **4.30** An Invitation to Remember (28658) **5.00** Freescreen (99656)

TYNE-TEES

As London except: 9.25am Film: Pippi Goes on Board (1530803) **10.15-10.45** Black Beauty (481209) **12.25pm** Lives in Focus (8168396) **1.10** Film Bon Voyage (3325174) **2.00** Gloria (1963396) **2.35** Film: Hobson's Choice (58378358) **4.25** Life Goes On (3147803) **5.20** The $64,000 Question (3651532) **11.35** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (594483) **12.30am** Quiz Night (99507) **1.00** The Beat (33149) **2.00** Zara Dhyan Dein (7727472) **2.05** Film: The Magic Galoshes (774728) **3.50** Spirit of the Cities (3623168)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.25am Rin Tin Tin Hero of the West (7808919) **10.05** Cartoon Time (1703261) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (481209) **12.30-12.55pm** Westcountry Update (2471025) **1.10-2.00** The Muppets at Disney World (3325174) **2.40** My Story (4372551) **2.55** Life Goes On (7575667) **3.55** Film Panic in Echo Park (1837551) **5.15** The Champions (366551) **5.45** The $64,000 Question (365822) **6.30-7.30** Murder, She Wrote (89803) **11.35** Love at First Sight (682213) **12.05am** Quiz Night (6839743) **12.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5978410) **1.05** Film. Somewhere Beyond Love (755633) **2.55** The New Music (9874781) **3.55** Entertainment UK (3622439) **4.50** America's Top Ten (33526323)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.25am Film. Pippi Goes on Board (1530803) **10.15-10.45** Black Beauty (481209) **11.00-12.00** Morning Worship (91716) **12.25pm** The Littlest Hobo (8168396) **1.10** Film Bon Voyage (3325174) **2.00** Gloria (1963396) **2.35** Film Hobson's Choice (58378358) **4.25** Life Goes On (3147803) **5.20** The $64,000 Question (3651532) **5.50-6.20** Calendar (271700) **11.35** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (594483) **12.30am** Quiz Night (99507) **1.00** The Beat (33149) **2.00** Zara Dhyan Dein (7727472) **2.05** Film: The Magic Galoshes (774728) **3.50** Spirit of the Cities (3623168)

S4C

Starts: 7.05am (As Channel 4) **12.45pm** Mork and Mindy (743551) **1.15** Evening Shade (740464) **1.45** Equinox (985735) **2.45** Film: Avanti! (34813716) **6.15** The Best of Cutting Edge (413613) **6.15** Dinosaur Footprints (500193) **7.15** Hapus Dyrfa (351629) 7.45 Hel Straeon (270700) **8.20** Saith Diwrnod Ar Y Sul (777975) **8.35** Film. Stranger in the Family (86969938) **10.25** LA Law (835822) **11.20** Summer's Out: The Hours and the Times (230358) **12.25am** Summer's Out. Storm in a Teacup (9905675)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Hour of Power (91803) **7.00** Fun Factory (8533358) **11.30** The Brady Bunch (74984) **12.00** Wrestling Challenge (63342) **1.00pm** Battlestar Galactica (45990) **2.00** Crazy Like A Fox (13464) **3.00** WKRP In Cincinnati (1557) **3.30** Fashion TV (3377) **4.00** UK Top 40 (60735) **5.00** All American Wrestling (2919) **6.00** The Simpsons (65754) **7.00** Deep Space Nine (30789) **8.00** Around The World In 80 Days (82445) **10.00** Hill Street Blues (94280) **11.00** Entertainment Tonight (56613) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (1374613) **9.30** Frost on Sunday (72071) **11.30** Week In Review (17261) **12.30pm** *Financial Times* Reports (41303) **1.30** Target (91862) **2.30** ABC Nightline (26358) **3.30** Week In Review (35377) **4.30** Memories (9938) **5.00** Live at Five (38483) **6.30** Roving Report (34377) **7.30** Week in Review (3957) **8.00** World News Hour (27213) **9.30** Target (18990) **10.30** Roving Report (61358) **12.30am** ABC News Tonight (61946) **2.30** Target (32217) **4.30** Those Were The Days (78507)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (72464)
8.00 Murderer's Row (1966): Dean Martin tracks down a villain who kidnapped an inventor (80236)
10.00 Mannequin on the Move (1991): Fairy-tale romance between a store-clerk and a model (51551)
12.00 Infidelity (1987): A yuppie couple marriage breaks down (27667)
2.00pm The Man Upstairs (1991): Katharine Hepburn makes friends with an ex-convict, Ryan O'Neal (85532)
4.00 Fire, Ice and Dynamite: Roger Moore stages a sporting marathon (9321)
6.00 Teen Agent (1991). Richard Grieco plays an American student who is mistaken for an undercover spy (48209)
7.30 Xposure (7193)
8.00 Freejack (1992): Mick Jagger chases Emilio Estevez into the future (56223)
10.00 Futurekick (1991): A half-human/half-robot bounty hunter is hired by a woman to find her husband's killers (2650067)
11.20 Daughter of the Streets (1991). A girl runs away from home and becomes a prostitute to help her family (203025)
12.55am Ghoulies 2 (1988). The beasties take up residence in a carnival (3991323)
2.25 Lip Service (1988): An ambitious presenter and a fading star are forced to share the spotlight (6029120)

3.45 In Broad Daylight (1991). Townspeople band together against a thug (181878). Ends at **5.35am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Day They Gave Babies Away (1957): Scottish pioneers discover their American dream is not idyllic (4551)
6.00 Captain Blood (1935, b/w): Errol Flynn falls for Olivia de Havilland (63358)
8.00 Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush (1967): A school-leaver is determined to lose his virginity (38918377)
9.50 Being There (1979): Peter Sellers nearly gets to the White House (57134342) Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Yogi Bear and the Magic Flight of the Spruce Goose: The bears fly round the world (70006)
8.00 Hurricane Smith (1952): John Ireland searches for a deserted island and hidden treasure (80218)
10.00 City Beneath the Sea (1970): Trouble strikes the underwater colony, starring Robert Wagner (11657984)
11.50 Harlow (1965): Biopic of 1930s film star Jean Harlow (30222342)
2.00pm Somewhere in Time (1980): Christopher Reeve falls in love with a woman from another era (83174)
4.00 Scooby Doo and the Ghoul School: Cartoon capers (8193)
6.00 Dinosaurs — The Movie (1991): Children find themselves in a world of prehistoric beasts (57498)
8.00 Arachnophobia (1990) Jeff Daniels finds his home besieged by spiders (74103)
10.00 Web of Deceit (1990). A lawyer gets involved in a controversial case and with the prosecuting attorney (239700)
11.35 Aces — Iron Eagle III (1991): Four pilots take on the drug barons (194938)
1.20am The Hot Spot (1990): Don Johnson complicates his life by getting involved with two women (28835472)
3.30 Heat Wave (1990): The course of events leading to the 1965 riots in Los Angeles (25588) Ends at **5.00**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (83735) **7.30** Fishing The West (99342) **8.00** Superbikes Grand Prix (24377) **9.30** Redline (86071) **10.30** Fishing The West (94993) **11.00** Watersports World (71990) **12.00** Goals On Sunday (38358) **1.30pm** The Boss (33700) **2.00** Super Sunday — Preview (45984) **4.00** Super Sunday: Swindon Town v Liverpool (7483) **6.00** Super Sunday — Talkback (22648) **7.00** Superbikes Grand Prix (20629) **8.00** US PGA Golf (422174) **11.00-1.00am** Super Sunday (as 4pm) (51342)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (97938) **8.00** Athletics IAAF World Championships (67919) **9.00** Tennis WTA Tournament (57822) **11.00** Motorcycling Grand Prix (181280) **1.30pm** German Superbike Championship (31396) **2.00** Cycling World Championships (585193) **4.30** Golf Murphy's English Open (45209) **6.30** Motorcycling (5939) **7.00** Indycar (208396) **9.30** Athletics (56803) **11.30-12.30am** Tennis ATP Tour (51919)

UK GOLD

7.00am Michael Bentine's Potty Time (2633759) **7.30** Rude Dog and The Dweebs (31888844) **8.00** Lassie (1305532) **8.30** The Secret Garden (1304803) **9.00** Dr Who (99985025) **11.45** The All New Popeye Show (35974358) **12.00** Film: My Favourite Spy (1951, b/w): Starring Bob Hope and Hedy Lamarr (1919957) **1.30pm** Film: Irene (1940, b/w): Starring Anna Neagle (2182464) **3.00** The Bill Omnibus (30612822) **5.25** Oliver Twist (8172342) **6.00** Pride and Prejudice (5110551) **7.00** Sorry! (1663006) **7.30** No Place Like Home (5227367) **8.00** Campion (1687990) **9.00** The Six Wives of Henry VIII (90729532) **10.45** Rory Bremner (7490463) **11.15** Life Without George (7497396) **11.45** Streets Apart (7496667) **12.15-1.30am** In Concert: Happy Mondays (88091897)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (71087) **7.00** Wizbit (57919) **7.30** Widget (69754) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (35648) **8.30** Ratkan I (34919) **9.00** Sharky and George (45071) **9.30** The Garbage Pail Kids (72613) **10.00** Heidi (19261) **10.30** Kissyfur (47463) **11.00** Iris, Captain Pugwash (35087) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (36715) **12.00** Dinoriders (38735) **12.30pm** Ironman (56629) **1.00** No Guitar Blues (71984) **2.00** The Witches and the Grinnygog (4174) **2.30** Flash Gordon (3174) **3.00** Chicken Minute (3209) **3.30** Mr Majeika (5919) **4.00** Big Henry and the Polka Dot Kid (59667) **5.00** Katts and Dog (6754) **5.30** Start Here (7990) **6.00-7.00pm** Fame (64648)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Social Science Foundation Course
6.55 Weather
7.00 The Phoenix and the Oracle: The first in a series of programmes celebrating the music of William Byrd. Byrd (In Nomine a 55: Ah, Silly Soul; In Nomine a 5: Fretwork with Michael Chance, Pavana Bray: Christopher Wilson); Dowland (The Kind of Denmark's Galiard, M Bucton his Galiard; the Earle of Essex Galiard: Fretwork); Byrd (The Bells, Trevor Pinnock). A recreation of the Mass of Thanksgiving held at St Mark's on November 21, 1631 with music by Monteverdi, Rovetta, Fantini, Scrani, Usper and Marini performed by Taverner Consort, Choir and Players under Andrew Parrott
9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning with guest presenter Patricia Routledge. Smetana (Overture: The Bartered Bride: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra); Vivaldi (Stabat Mater, first part Academy of Ancient Music); Delius (Prelude: Irmelin. London Philharmonic Orchestra); Humperdinck (Hansel and Gretel, Act 2, sc 2 and 3: Barbara Hendricks, Barbara Bonney and Anne-Sofie von Otter with Bavarian Radio Orchestra); Rodrigo (Invocacione y Danza: John Williams, guitar); Duruflé (Requiem, Introit and Kyrie: King's College Choir and English Chamber Orchestra); Haydn (Symphony No 96 in D, Miracle: Philharmonia Hungarica); Elgar (The Snow: Worcester Cathedral Choir); Tchaikovsky (Variations on a Rococo Theme. Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra); Quilter (Come Away, Death, Op 6 No 1), Walton (Suite. Henry V: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra). Schumann (Adagio and Allegro in A flat, Op 70); Donizetti (Fountain Scene, Lucia di Lammermoor: Joan Sutherland). Bizet (Symphony in C: French National Radio Orchestra)
12.00 Vintage Years John Amis presents a musical portrait of William Walton (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 The Other Five: French chamber music by composers whose music was often heard in the Paris of the 1920s. Florent Schmitt (Lied et Scherzo)
1.35 Test Match Special. England v Australia. Commentary on the fourth day's play in the Sixth Test at The Oval by Brian Johnston, Jonathan Agnew, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Neville Oliver. Including **3.45-4.00 At the Bookstall**
6.10 Evening Sequence
7.30 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall, London. The BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under Andrew Davis with Thomas Allen, Kathryn Stott and Jean Rigby. Delius (Sea Drift); Ireland (Piano Concerto in E flat); Elgar (The Music Makers). In the interval at **8.25** Elgar and the Blind Organist
9.35 Sunday Play: Tom and Viv. Michael Hastings's play about the marriage of T.S. Eliot and Vivien Haigh-Wood. A story of inspirational love and obsessional guilt
11.30 Reger and Schumann. Daniel Adni, piano, plays Reger (Sonatinas, in E minor, Op 89 No 1; in D, Op 89 No 2), Schumann (Humoreske in B flat, Op 20)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm **7.40** Sunday **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** Lord Tonypandy appeals for the Week's Good Cause on behalf of the National Benevolent Fund for the Aged **8.55** Weather
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church, Co Down
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand with Allison Pearson
11.30 Pick of the Week with Sandi Toksvig (r)
12.15pm In the Psychiatrist's Chair: Lord Healey talks to Dr Anthony Clare **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Dr Stefan Buczacki, Sue Phillips and Don Cockman solve gardening problems sent in by listeners
2.30 Classic Serial: Alexander. The final part of the serial by David Wade
3.30 Tolstoy — At War and Peace: Compiled by Michael Bakewell from Tolstoy's writings and the words of family and friends (2 of 7)
4.00 News; Ages Past by Colin McLaren. Three centuries of English family life through the diaries and letters of the time (r)
4.47 Siesta Days, Fiesta Nights by Drew Launay
5.00 News; Blunkett on Borders: David Blunkett, MP, visits Hadrian's Wall
5.30 Poetry Please! Simon Rae presents extracts from *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage* by Byron, and Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*, and gives details of a competition **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Feedback with Chris Dunkley
6.30 Notes from Laputa: Fintan O'Toole's journey through Ireland
7.00 The Hidden Spirit: Rogan Taylor documents the surprising range of religious activity that takes place within the established Church
7.30 A Good Read: Edward Blishen and his guests Andrew Motion and Carole Angier select three paperbacks
8.00 Punters presented by Susan Marling
8.30 Laughing Aloud. See Choice
9.00 The Natural History Programme presented by George Macpherson
9.30 Special Assignment 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Paella on Sundays: An account by Patricia Langdon-Davies of a week in the life of her eccentric hotel in Catalonia, Casa Rovira (r)
11.00 Out of Order: Austin Mitchell MP and Michael White captain two teams with guests Sir David Steel MP and Vincent Hanna in a light-hearted test of political knowledge. The chairman is Patrick Hannan
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Unity in Diversity. Bernard Jackson visits Mauritius — a tiny island in the Indian Ocean and a perfect example of how a multi-racial and multi-faith society can work
12.00 News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Laughing Aloud: Ripe Plums. *Radio 4, 8.30pm.*
The tonic effect of Crawford Logan's reading of two pieces by P.G. Wodehouse is impossible to put into words. You must experience it for yourself. *Thrillers* is a diatribe against mystery yarns in which "beastly girls get in the way when the automatics start popping". In any case, concludes Wodehouse, girls lose their queenly dignity "when shoved into cupboards with a bag over their head". *Dudley Jones, Bore-Hunter* is a Sherlock Holmes spoof about a duel to the death, fought with tedious stories.

Generals of the Revolution. *Radio 5, 7.20pm.*
Cameron Balbirnie's *Open University* series about the first industrial engineers got off to a strong start with James Watt and the Stephensons, father and son. There's as much flesh and blood in these programmes as there is iron, steel and masonry. This is very true of tonight's episode about Thomas Telford, the "glamour boy" of civil engineering and his contemporary William Jessop whose fine achievements he did much to obscure. Balbirnie sets the record straight.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** (FM only) Lynn Parsons **6.00** Neale James **10.00** Nicky Campbell **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1FM **2.30** Rockline **4.00** The Official UK Top 40 **7.00** The Official 1FM Album Chart **8.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **10.00** Lynn Parsons (FM only from 12.00) **1.00-4.00am** Clare Sturgess (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Hayes on Sunday **12.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Rosemarie Ford **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** Charlie Chester **7.00** Richard Baker **8.30** Sunday Half Hour Summer Specials **9.00** Alan Keith **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme, the cello **12.05am** Jon Briggs **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

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WORLD SERVICE

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DAVID FLUSFEDER PREVIEWS THE BEST OF THE COMING WEEK'S TELEVISION

The challenge of computer minds



The World Athletics Championship finishes tomorrow, and that'll be the end of David Coleman's voice for a while, choking with emotion as he tells us which plucky British athlete is competing for which minor medal. Next week's highlights are Roger Penrose's rebuttal of the wilder exponents of artificial intelligence, a report on the sleazier side of athletics, and, programme of the week, the horribly painful, sometimes unwatchable, sight of two men dying from Aids.

Equinox: The Emperor's New Mind
Tomorrow, Channel 4, 7pm
There is a wacky school of scientific thought that believes in the concept of "strong artificial intelligence". The school's basic premise is that human intelligence is replicable by computer; following on from that is the exciting notion that computers eventually will supersede human intelligence. (And, burbles one happy, hopeful boffin in this programme, eventually we will be able to "transplant the soul of a person to a machine", and then, one day, computers will inherit the world we have built for them, our superior children.)

The mathematician and physicist, Roger Penrose does not go for this at all. Penrose believes that the human soul is going to stay where it is. He composes an elegant argument against the scientists who believe in the holy electronic grail of strong artificial intelligence. (It's one of those arguments that you follow sagaciously every step of the way and then, a few minutes after it's over, you wonder if you followed it quite so attentively as you had thought.)

He fights a giddy intellectual battle, bringing in such ammunition as Plato, Fritz Lang, Albert Einstein, Kurt Gödel (who completed his Incompleteness Theorem at the age of 25, and died of malnutrition at the age of 71 because he was convinced that his doctors were out to poison him), quantum mechanics and Alan Turing, and has, for light relief, the occasional shot of Penrose walking wisely around a fairground. It's all very engaging. Penrose is a good clear guide to an arcane world of pure speculation and only occasionally talks down to his audience. But we now need an answering programme to disprove Penrose's own unshakeable faith in mathematics as being the very highest endeavour of the human race.

Win, Lose or Draw
Monday-Friday, ITV, 11.25am
There will soon will come a time when Danny Baker will have taken over all the schedules — we'll see in the morning with Danny, chat out the night with Danny, laugh with Danny, cry with Danny, and live out our lives surrounded by wall-to-wall DannyVision.

At the moment we have to settle for this agreeable illustrated version of charades (and in the commercial breaks to buy sweets and washing powder from Danny). A team of men against a team of women, each composed of two C-list celebs and one slightly embarrassed member of the public, take it in turns to draw squiggles and wince in frustration as their temporary mates spend too much time shouting silly suggestions and breaking down in giggles.

I miss the cushion-throwing they used to go in for at the end, but the show is good entertainment, primarily when the focus is on Danny, his quick-witted asides and his occasional wild flashes of fancy.

EastEnders
Tuesday, Thursday, BBC1, 7.30pm
This week it's a should-I-stay-or-should-I-go round at Albert Square. Arthur has to decide whether to break up the unhappy Fowler home and run away with Christine, his likeable (if absurdly misguided) fancy woman. And Dot Cotton has to make up her mind whether to go to live in the suburbs with son Nick, Zoe, and Dot's recently arrived grandson, Ashley. (You get the impression that whenever the scriptwriters are hard up for ideas, a producer will chuck in another "Nick's changed, you know" storyline.) "Remember, your only grandson loves ya, Ma," Nick says, with his usual nasty leer. "I think I'm about to be sick," says Nigel, who is threatened with homelessness if Dot moves out. And with all the talk of possible departures, there is a coming home. Pat is out of prison, and returns heavily to Walworth. She moons around, with a grim expression, as if a revelation is around the corner. Not a lot seems to cheer her up, but reformed Grant gives her a free drink in the Queen Vic, and the communion of ex-jailbirds raises one grateful — if surprised — smile.

It's a Queer World
Tuesday, Channel 4, 11.40pm.
Lily Savage, Liverpool's grittier answer to Dame Edna Everage, takes us on a weird tour of gay television programmes from around the world (which, in this case, seems to consist only of Germany, Holland and the United States).

Given the clips shown here, Holland seems to be full of lonely gay men and cruising gay women. There's the raunchy *The True Love Show* from Holland, which is a wild dating programme; and in another Dutch show, we meet a sweet lonely farmer who says rather wistfully: "Marrying for true love is my ideal. So I can go to heaven on the other side." *Lavender Lounge* from San Francisco is good value, with its charming tribute to dead celebrities, but the real interest here is watching the ads, which offer a mixture of safe-sex information, gay bars and pet food stores.

On the Line
Wednesday, BBC2, 8.30pm
What does go on between those gruff men in tracksuits who hold the stop-watches and their thin little-girl charges desperate to make the big-time in swimming and athletics? The simmering scandals recently used to be about drugs; now the attention is on the sex angle.

This episode of the consistently good *On the Line* hits you with some very sleazy stories. Among the athletes featured in the programme is one who makes the seemingly common claim that she was pressed into having sex with her coach when she was 14: "If a man holds a gun to the head of a young girl and says 'You have to have sex with me', then everybody can identify that as rape. But if he says, 'You're so beautiful and you're so talented and we have a very special relationship . . .' that is, in effect, a gun to her head."

mr don and mr george
Wednesday, Channel 4, 10.35pm
Moray Hunter and Jack Docherty return with their lower-case characters from the *Absolutely* show for their own series. mr don is the little one with the vertical hairstyle and the funny glasses; mr george is the tall one with thinning hair and a useful ability to flap his lips. They live together in a well-designed set that looks like an Edwardian junk shop.

This first episode zips quickly about but is rather self-consciously surreal comedy, raising smiles rather than laughter — until the end at least, when it gets very funny with visceral special effects.

Nothing Sacred
Thursday, BBC2, 10.30am
William Wellman directed this 1937 screwball satire about a supposedly dying country girl who comes to New York and milks the cynical city (personified by Frederic March) for all it is worth. The two crucial names here are Ben Hecht and Carole Lombard. Hecht's screenplay is hilarious, clever, and wisely cynical ("The hand of God reaching down into the mire couldn't elevate one of them to the depths of degradation" is one way to describe newspapermen). But this is Lombard's movie: the greatest film comedienne of all time in one of her finest roles.

Silverlake Life: The View from Here
Thursday, Channel 4, 10.35pm
This is the most heart-aching programme I have ever seen. In video diary form, two men with Aids film their decline and the first one's death. It is chilling, desperate, graphic, and real. The camera never flinches; the viewer often does.

Mark and Tom had been together for more than 22 years. Mark was the first to be diagnosed HIV positive, but Tom was the first to become ill. It is a slow, painful dwindling as he gradually loses his energy to live, but not his sense of humour nor his sustaining love for his partner. "Well here we are, back in the hospital, in the emergency room," he says to the camera, his face thinner than it was in the previous shot, his voice lighter with its tired, sad stoicism.

Mark hides his sarcomas beneath a *Coccoon* T-shirt (you feel this is a self-conscious bit of irony: the man with a death warrant wearing the logo from a movie about immortality).

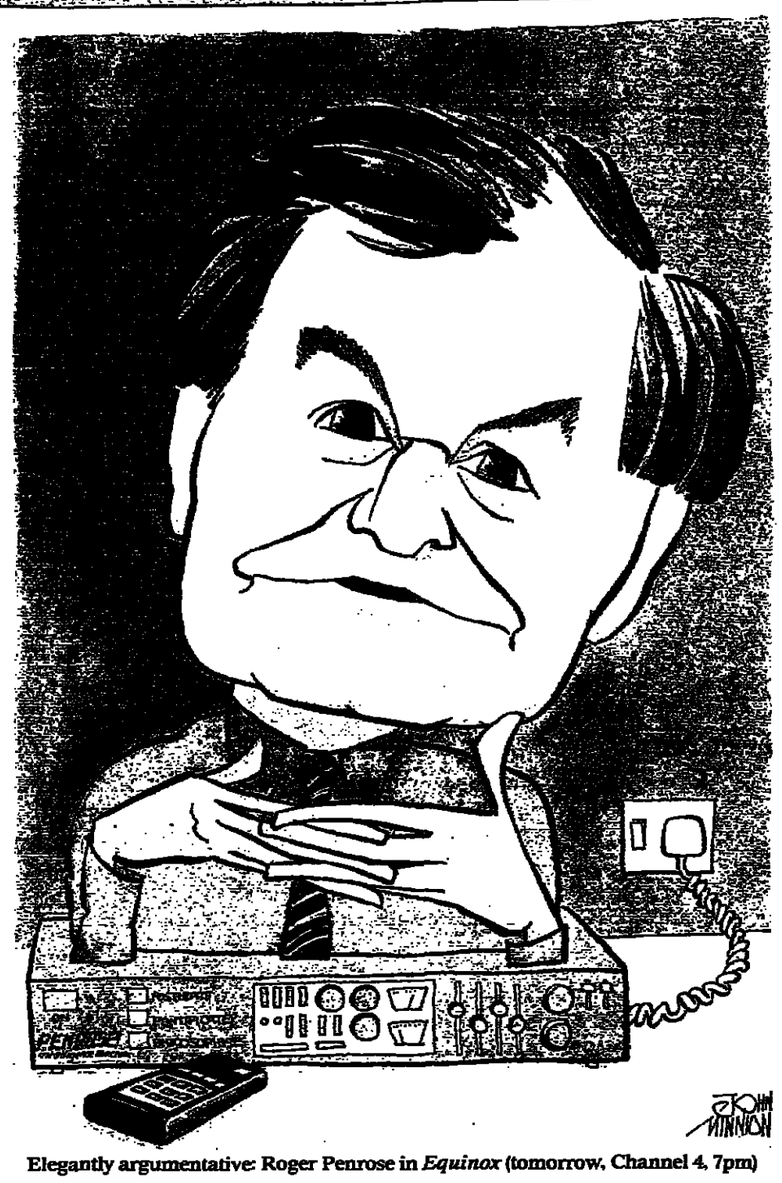
It is Mark's job to maintain the optimism and he does this bravely but you feel his tragedy is the greater. He will go through this death process twice: first with his lover and then by himself.

"It's the first of July and Tom's just died," Mark says. He dutifully does his video diary bit, but the skeletal body of his partner is in front of him and while Mark tries to say what he's feeling, the sobs break through, and he starts again to sing: "You Are My Sunshine" with which he was soothing Tom as he died.

Architecture of the Imagination: The Tower
Friday, BBC2, 9.30pm
This episode is more intelligent than some of the previous ones, thanks to the contributions from Marina Warner — who really gets her teeth into the metaphor of buildings as female sexuality — and Christopher Frayling, who is very good on William Beckford's towering folly. It helps that the ludicrous remarks by James Hillman, the psychologist, are kept to the minimum.

The programme has the usual mix of well-chosen film clips with a dash of history, a bit of chat, and a few thought-provoking remarks on aspects of architecture that we usually take for granted. And it ends with clips of one of the most oddly exhilarating sights — collapsing buildings.

Hillman is good value when you don't hear too much from him. Here, he comes up with this brilliantly daffy observation on skyscrapers: "They're not inherently connected to the earth. . . He then looks slightly worried for a moment, has a bit of a think, and finally adds: "except physically".



Elegantly argumentative: Roger Penrose in *Equinox* (tomorrow, Channel 4, 7pm)

BEST FILMS

TODAY
Europa 1991, Den (Ch4, 10.35pm)
Mishima 1985, US/Jap (BBC2, 10.45pm)
TOMORROW
Hairspray 1988, US (Ch4, 9pm)
TUESDAY
The Year of Living Dangerously 1982, Aust (BBC1, 10pm)
WEDNESDAY
Imitation of Life 1959, US (BBC2, 4pm)
FRIDAY
Angel and the Badman 1947, US (BBC2, 9.50am)

BEST SPORT

TODAY
Grandstand: World Athletics Championships; Cricket, Sixth Test (BBC1, 10.30am)
Match of the Day (BBC1, 10.35pm)
TOMORROW
Football: *The Sunday Match* (ITV, 2.35pm)
MONDAY
Athletics: *UK Summer Special Olympics* (BBC1, 12.25pm)
THURSDAY
International Showjumping (BBC2, 4.30pm)
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MONDAY
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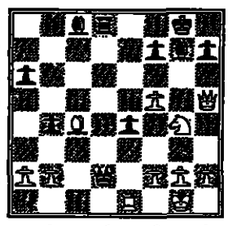
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Kasparov — Timman, Tilburg 1991. Here is an example of Kasparov's numerous wins, against one of the finalists of the FIDE World Championship. How did white force immediate resignation?

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Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Rd7+. The winners are: N M Smith, Brighton; B R Causer, Stoke-by-Nayland; G J Swimer, London NW11.



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By Philip Howard

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b. Indecisive
c. Woolly

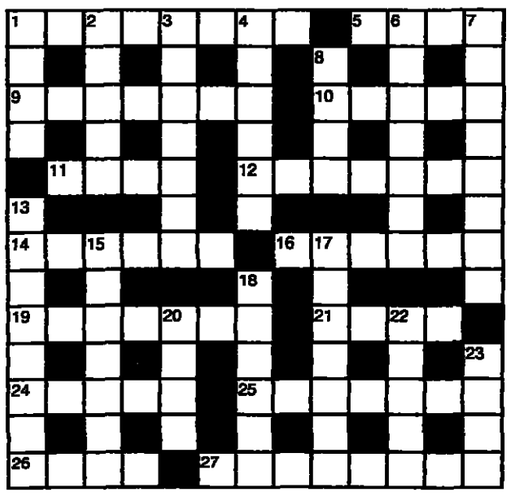
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a. Having a huge stomach
b. Giants versus gods
c. Giant gunnera

CELSITUDE
a. Laziness
b. Second sight
c. VIP-ness

CULORUM
a. Boiled cabbage
b. The Etruscan parliament
c. The conclusion

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25 Realm (7)
26 Regulation (4)
27 Contaminated (8)

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Chill out for a hot romance

Caitlin Moran says it's no sweat finding the ideal mate



I WAS sitting on the bus the other day trying to see if I could hold my breath until the traffic light turned red, and if, by being able to do this, I could change fate and improve the odds on the coffee machine working when I got to the office, when a little old lady leant over, tapped me on the knee, and asked: "Have you got a boyfriend, dearie?"

"No," I said, "I am an autonomous individual in my own right. I have no need to pursue a so-called 'meaningful relationship' in order to boost my frail ego."

"I'm not surprised," the little old lady said, "If I was young again I wouldn't know where to find a lad."

She then went on to talk about her cat's operations, what a terrible year it had been for natural disasters and greenfly.

I went back to holding my breath, initially to complete the bet I had with myself, but then in the hope that I could black out and escape her soporific meanderings.

But she got me thinking, and not much beyond a direct blow to the head does that for me these days.

To an outsider — say, anyone over the age of 35 — the mating ritual and haunts of this young and groovy generation must seem odd.

Where do we meet? We don't have interesting jobs that lead to meeting interesting people. The most interesting job my best friend's had in recent months involves stuffing mail order catalogues in pre-paid envelopes, wondering all the time how she is going to spend the £28.31.

We don't go to swish wine bars and sit on uncomfortable bar stools, waiting to be picked up by besuited businessmen — the very idea makes us (a) queasy or (b) yawn.

And our hobbies don't really extend outside our coterie — we like to smoke and we like to bitch, and that's about it.

No, the lovebirds' landscape has altered utterly over the last decade — mainly due to the dance/rave culture.

In the mid- to late-1980s, rave captured the minds and wallets of a generation for two reasons.

One, it was totally hedonistic. You danced by yourself pretty much how you liked, and that was cool with everybody else. If anything, they were probably dancing in a sillier way than you.

Two, due to drugs and the atmosphere of the place, absolutely no pick-ups went on. You went to a rave to, well, rave, and that was it.

This meant you no longer had to suffer the ignominity of your mates laughing at your desperate attempts to pull.

Everyone there was too involved in being a big, bright light/tree holding on to the wall and calling for a priest.

But as the music got harsher and the dancing more frenetic, the young groovers needed to rest.

And lo! The Chill-Out Room was born, and in one stroke people started to play the mating game again. The Chill-Out Room stands an ear-soothing distance from the dance floor, is filled with beanbags and here, young groovers sit down, chill out, and sweat at each other.

DAVE HOGAN



Raving romantics: boy and girl find their dancing space

After a few minutes' recuperation, dancers look around the gloomy room and, joy! start noticing the groovy dress you are wearing.

After a while, some people only went to raves to hang out in the Chill-Out Room and look at young exhausted boys in sweat drenched T-shirts. People like, ah, me.

You see, I don't really understand raves. I am fine with the idea of people being off their faces and making fools of themselves.

I love watching my friends reel around the dance floor flapping their limbs wildly, and I love some of the harsher dance music.

It's just that, if I wanted to twitch in a dark room with loud music and a bright light going on and off in my face, I'd stand in the privacy and comfort of my own kitchen and open and close the fridge door while wearing a Walkman.

So yes, I found my spiritual home: it's a room filled with beanbags where I can talk about world politics/The Sheep on Drugs remix of the Aphex Twin single . . . and then carefully lead the conversation around to what exactly I'd like to do with the sticky damp lad who just offered me a Silk Cut.

In the 1990s there really is no problem in finding a man.

And so I should like to say to that little old lady on the bus, forget your greenfly! Renounce your cat! Come with me and find some boys we can cop off with at the Chill-Out Room at a rave.

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Value-for-money ordered

Secrecy lifted from MI5 and MI6 funding

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

■ The debate about scrutinising the work of the security services is far from over but in future their expenditure will be subject to tighter controls

FINANCING of the three intelligence services is to be removed from the Secret Vote and subjected to a stricter value-for-money test than at any time since their foundation.

This latest attempt to bring the intelligence services into the open and to make them more accountable publicly will be introduced as a new administrative procedure, following legislation due in the next parliamentary session.

The funds for MI6, the secret intelligence service, MI5, the security service, and GCHQ, the electronic eavesdropping station at Cheltenham in Gloucestershire, are buried in the annual budgets of the Foreign Office, Home Office and Ministry of Defence. MI5 and MI6 are believed to have annual budgets of about £150 million. The spending of the three services will now be placed in a joint audited account subject to examination by Sir John Bourn, head of the National Audit Office.

Unlike the moves planned this autumn to place MI6 on the statute books and introduce restricted parliamentary oversight of the intelligence services, the funding changes will not require legislation.

The funding arrangements will be drawn together in an annual report and Sir John, the Comptroller and Auditor General, will be allowed to scrutinise the books to ensure that the services are giving value for money.

However, Sir John's remit will cover only the general areas of expenditure. He will not be allowed information on operations and techniques.

This arrangement has been tried out on GCHQ in the past three years. GCHQ is a capital-intensive organisation, spending millions of pounds on computers and equipment for listening in to foreign cable traffic and other sensitive communications.

The National Audit Office examines GCHQ's books but keeps the findings secret, although Robert Sheldon, Labour MP for Ashton-under-Lyne, the chairman of the Commons public accounts committee, is kept informed.

MI5 and MI6 also have had expenditure examined by the audit office recently but only in relation to their impending moves to other premises. MI5 is moving from Gower Street to Thames House on Millbank. MI6 is to swap Century House near Waterloo for the twin-towered building at Vauxhall Cross, at Vauxhall Bridge.

The Secret Vote has been an irritant to government departments, which have had to bury the expenditure in their accounts. Under an agreement that dates back to the 19th century, auditing of the security and intelligence services by an independent body has been confined to a system in which the relevant ministers merely supply special certificates.

There has never been a rigorous auditing procedure by a body such as the National Audit Office. Instead, auditing has been carried out in secret by the Treasury.

The autumn legislation will also outline the new arrangement under which MI5, MI6 and GCHQ will be subject to parliamentary oversight. Although John Major and the key cabinet ministers have all agreed that some oversight is necessary, there has been debate over the form.

In spite of reports that the oversight committee is likely to comprise privy counsellors, this is not regarded as essential by the agencies. Ministers have not decided.

The recommendation to ministers is that the committee should have representatives from all three main political parties, the Commons and the House of Lords. The chairman would be appointed by the prime minister and would have access to more privileged information.

One option that has not met with enthusiasm in the intelligence community is to put oversight into the hands of Commons select committees. This would make MI5 accountable to the home affairs committee and MI6 to the foreign affairs committee.

The preferred option is to have a special committee that could meet in a restricted environment. Documents could then be examined and kept safe by Cabinet Office officials.

Stella Rimington, director-general of MI5, has now revealed herself. She might be prepared to appear before a select committee.

However, Sir Colin McColl, chief of MI6, apparently feels there is not the same requirement for him. Nevertheless, he supports greater openness and is said to be happy to accept a form of parliamentary oversight.

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Britain's sprint relay team — Tony Jarrett, John Regis, Linford Christie and Colin Jackson — after winning silver at Stuttgart yesterday

Medal-winning athletes restore British pride

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE spirit of *Chariots of Fire* was rekindled in Stuttgart yesterday as British athletes celebrated their most successful world championships. With 11 medals, many for events in which Britain does not traditionally excel, the team lifted some of the dark clouds which settled over the football and cricket scenes this summer.

But at the world athletics championships, to which the elite of more than 200 nations can send competitors, Britain won three gold medals and finished in joint fourth place in the medals table. The manner of the achievements and the grace of the performers can only aid Manchester's case to stage the 2000 Olympic Games when the International Olympic Committee votes on the venues on September 23. In the sport which is the centrepiece of the Olympics programme, Britain showed it is at the summit.

"Fabuleux, ces British!" said the headline in the French sports newspaper *L'Equipe*. "They've made the world sit up and take notice," commented the great Jamaican sprinter Don Quarrie.

Sally Gunnell, the British women's team captain, who yesterday added a bronze medal in the 400-metre relay to the gold she won in the 400-metre hurdles last week, was eager to acclaim the best British performance since the world championships were staged in 1983 as a separate event from the Olympic Games.

She said: "It all started with Linford Christie's win on the first Saturday. After that no one wanted to be the one not to produce their best. There were many UK and personal records as well as medals. It is down to our team spirit." Yesterday Christie joined three other medallists in the individual events — Colin Jackson, John Regis and Tony Jarrett — to finish close behind the United States in the sprint relay.

Steve Smith, 20, was also third in the high jump, a feat he celebrated with a back flip when he equalled the Commonwealth record. It is the first time since the 1908 Olympics that a British man has won a medal in this event at this level.

Meanwhile, at The Oval, Mark Ramprakash made his highest-ever Test score of 64 in a partnership with Alec Stewart to lead England to a second-innings total of 313. Australia, who were one for no wicket before bad light stopped play, were set 391 to win.

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Sally Gunnell: success down to team spirit

Solicitors' hearings to be open

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the most secret courts in the country, the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, is to open its hearings to the public.

Every year up to 200 of the 60,000 members of the profession appear before the tribunal on charges of professional misconduct. Those found guilty face penalties that can mean professional disaster: a reprimand or fine at best, being struck off at worst.

Solicitors are usually referred to the tribunal by the Solicitors' Complaints Bureau, but may come before it after facing criminal charges — as could happen to Angus Diggle, convicted last week of attempted rape. Conversely, criminal proceedings may follow a tribunal hearing.

Until now the hearings

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Tories plan rebellion over train fare rises

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MacGregor, the transport secretary, is likely to veto British Rail proposals to raise some commuter fares by 16.2 per cent — almost twelve times the rate of inflation — because of intense pressure from heartland Tories who fear the plans could cost them their seats.

Conservative MPs in the southeast, where more than 400,000 constituents use Network SouthEast which faces the highest rises, believe the plans could have a disastrous effect on the party in next May's London local government elections.

According to plans outlined in a confidential document that has been seen by the pressure group Transport 2000, Network SouthEast has prepared three options for fare increases which would have a direct effect on commuters. The most stringent would increase the cost of the London Travelcard by 16.2 per cent as part of a plan to recoup the £25m shortfall in government grants. Single standard tickets would rise by 12 per cent and the season ticket by 7.9 per cent.

The second option would raise season tickets by 8.5 per cent but hold the extra cost of the Travelcard to 10.3 per cent. The single standard would rise by 12 per cent.

In a third, "least favourable" option, the cost of Travelcards would rise by 6.3 per cent, single standard tickets by 8 per cent and season tickets by 6 per cent.

The MPs, many of whose constituents have to endure the rigors of commuting into London on Network South-

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A war-shattered boy asks a question no one can answer

FROM KURT SCHORK
OF REUTER
IN MOSTAR

SELMA and Mirzad hold hands on hospital beds in a fetid, airless cellar in the Muslim-held eastern part of Mostar.

The bloody, guaze-wrapped stump of Selma's amputated right arm moves in slow circles as she stirs under sedation. Her nine-year-old face is swollen and pitted with flecks of shrapnel.

Clutching his sister's hand from the neighbouring bed, Mirzad, eight, cries out: "Will I be able to walk on my leg again?" A family friend reassures him, but no one can answer his question. Shrapnel severed blood vessels in his right leg and doctors are not certain they have been able to restore circulation.

Nor can they fully assess Selma's head wounds, but they say her right knee was destroyed when a shell fired by Bosnian Croat forces landed in the family garden on Friday, ripping through the limbs of the two children.

Selma and Mirzad are trapped in a makeshift hospital with no electricity or running water, two more wounded in the 16-month Bosnian civil war. Their shell-shattered bodies lie on grimy sheets, in a hospital that is little more than a battlefield trauma clinic improvised from a turn-of-the-century laboratory. Blood-encrusted stretchers propped against a stone wall outside the hospital's entrance are a grim reminder that this clinic is virtually the only hope for war-wounded Muslims.

The Muslim-held quarter has been under Croat blockade for more than two months. A United Nations convoy finally reached Mostar with a token supply of medicine on Saturday but there is no guarantee Croat forces will lift their blockade.

Until they do, doctors here will work under conditions the UN deputy chief of mission for Yugoslavia described on Saturday as intolerable. Shortly after the deputy chief and his convoy left Mostar on Saturday a locally-agreed ceasefire expires and more war wounded begin arriving.

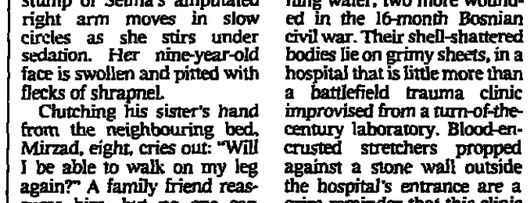
The first is a sniper victim named Samir, brought to the hospital unconscious with 12 inches of intestine protruding from a wound in his stomach. A surgeon steps to the table and with one deft, diagonal stroke, lays the patient open from breastbone to hip.

Down the hall, past a sheet dividing the cellar corridor from wards and work areas, Selma and Mirzad still hold hands in their misery. Across from the children, a distraught woman tries to restrain her husband as he goes into convulsions. A sniper victim with brain damage, he is tied to the bed. Mirzad looks on in alarm and begins to cry as the man struggles.

The next day, the hospital's chief doctor listens to reporters' questions about possible airdrops and emergency evacuations with obvious irritation. He explains that the two sniper victims, Samir and Mustafa, have died. A mortar bomb has just scored a direct hit on the hospital's annexe, slightly injuring one already wounded patient.

Pale and haggard after 100 days of living and working under ground, the doctor asks that his name not be used for fear of retribution against family members on the Croat side in Mostar. Then he explodes: "Forgive me if I seem rude, but the world knows very well what's happening here. Since they know, maybe they should feel a little bit guilty. Maybe they will be in the same situation one day and no one will help them."

"Military planners on both sides appear to have neglected the simple fact that there will be little left of the area for any victor once the battle is over"
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A UN soldier cheers up a wounded boy in Mostar

Death within days, page 7

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How Times readers can save lives in Bosnia now

MARTIN BELL REPORTS
FROM TUZLA

WHOEVER is guilty of creating the hell that is Bosnia today, Adisa Ekrem and thousands of children like her are the innocent victims.

I discovered the six-year-old girl in an overcrowded makeshift refugee shelter near Tuzla. Orphaned after a devastating mortar blast, Adisa herself was now fighting for her life. The shelter was desperately short of food, particularly the food needed by young children.

At first hand, I witnessed the work of Feed the Children, the aid agency which delivers food and medical and hygiene supplies direct to children in immediate need.

They're bringing hope to hell. Their work is fast, efficient, extremely well-targeted, and often carried out in very dangerous conditions. They've saved Adisa's life – and the lives of countless more children.

But every week, yet more are made homeless. Feed the Children has pledged that if military action threatens aid deliveries to any area, they will continue to distribute supplies wherever they can in former Yugoslavia.

To do this, they need more support from people in Britain. *Times* readers can make a real difference. With £25, Feed the Children can feed 45 hungry infants for one day. I strongly urge you to help.



BBC's Martin Bell: witness and advocate of Feed the Children's life-saving work

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Miners return after Bilsthorpe prayers

Miners resumed work at Bilsthorpe Colliery last night after prayer services were held throughout Britain's coalfields for the three men killed in a rock fall at the Nottinghamshire pit on Wednesday. Rescue teams recovered the body of the third victim, colliery under-manager David Shelton, 31, on Saturday. The Health and Safety Executive has begun an investigation with Australian experts into the roof bolt system used in the collapsed tunnel.

Meanwhile, Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, is facing pressure from British Coal not to split the industry into separate units for privatisation in 1995. Industry chiefs believe mining will be viable only if the 12 core pits likely still to be operating are sold together.

Two die in blaze

A man and his young daughter died when fire swept through a tenement home in Greenock, Strathclyde. Police were treating as suspicious the blaze in which Andrew Newman, 35, and Emma, 5, died. Seven others were injured, including Mr Newman's three other children and members of the Thompson family, whom they were visiting.

RAF burial in Russia

Four RAF crewmen who died while flying to Russia to help to protect second world war convoys will be buried on Wednesday with full military honours in the city of Archangel. The remains of the Hampden bomber from 144 Squadron, which set out from Sumburgh, Shetland, in 1942, were found in 1991. Relatives will attend the funerals.

Speedboat death

A British businessman has appeared before a court in Marbella after a teenage boy was hit and killed by a speedboat. Lee Mason, 14, of Worthing, Sussex, suffered fatal head and neck injuries while snorkelling on the Costa del Sol. Norman Tuchband, aged 49, of London, was bailed in the sum of 250,000 pesetas (about £1,220).

Royal accused

A member of the Kuwaiti royal family is to go before Uxbridge magistrates next month, charged with unlawful wounding and violent disorder. Fahad Haber al-Sabah, 33, of Kensington, west London, is accused with two others of attacking a taxi driver at Heathrow airport last Friday. The cabbie was allegedly hit with sticks in a fare dispute.

Car 'grabber' still selling

The inventor of a car alarm "grabber" is to continue selling it, despite a teenager's conviction last week for possessing a similar device for criminal use. David Edgar, of Cannock, Staffordshire, said he would not withdraw the £700 electronic machine. It can be used to de-activate a car security system and open the doors.

Dog's best friends swing low from City tower block

MICHAEL POWELL



Supporters of the National Canine Defence League abseil 220ft down the side of Barclays Bank, Fenchurch Street in the City of London yesterday in a sponsored challenge to raise funds for the league, which cares for abandoned and abused dogs. More than 300 people were trained for the descent by army instructors and organisers who were inundated with applications. They intend to stage a repeat event

Reformers warn of riots if tougher jail codes are ordered

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Howard's plans to make prison life "more austere" were welcomed by Tory backbenchers yesterday, but condemned by the opposition as a bid to win plaudits from the Tory party conference.

Penal reform groups gave a warning that poor conditions could lead to more suicides in jails and that talk by the home secretary of a more spartan regime could spark disturbances in jails already facing a rapid rise in their population.

But prisons minister Peter Lloyd confirmed that the home secretary, due back tonight from a holiday in California, wants more vigorous work for the 45,000 prisoners held in Britain's jails.

Mr Lloyd said: "I think the home secretary probably feels there are too many frills, too many opportunities that strike less of real training for the outside world and rather more of what is available for middle-aged ladies to go to in the evening."

Mr Howard, who has visited Brixton prison, wants to toughen the prison service's attitude in dealing with inmates. He is also known to believe that some of the new prisons provide facilities that are too lavish. His demands, revealed in a memorandum, for a crackdown on prisons that are "too comfortable" and regimes that are "too lax", have been welcomed by Conservative MPs worried that the government has lost the initiative on law and order.

Sir Ivan Lawrence, chairman of the home affairs select committee, said: "The public are fed up with hearing stories of prisoners not being tasked sufficiently, being released earlier than the public would think proper, and enjoying sports and home life."

Officials sought to play down the significance of the memorandum from Mr Howard's private office. Derek Lewis, director-general of the prison service, who has spoken to Mr Howard in the United States about the document, said that if prisoners spent more time out of their cells, as was happening as part of the Woolf reforms, they should be engaged in work and training. "They should not be idling and lounging around," he said.

Frances Crook, director of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said the move would cause resentment and violence in prisons. "It will lead to riots and it may even be the cause of suicides."

Alun Michael, Labour's home affairs spokesman, said that the home secretary's plans were calculated to meet his need to give the Conservative party conference the impression that he was doing something.

☐ Brodie Clarke, governor of Woodhill Prison, near Milton Keynes, yesterday demanded tougher measures to deal with inmates who attack staff. The strongest punishment a governor can impose in such a case is a 28-day extension of sentence.

Howard stalls on IRA prison moves

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Howard, the home secretary, is resisting moves to transfer jailed IRA terrorists serving long terms in English prisons to Northern Ireland to complete their sentences nearer their families.

Applications from Republican prisoners, including Patrick Magee, the Brighton bomber, Martina Anderson and Ella O'Dwyer, jailed for life after being convicted of an IRA plot to bomb English seaside resorts, are being considered by officials in the Home Office.

The home secretary is deeply unhappy at proposals unveiled nine months ago for early agreement on the transfer of prisoners to Maghaberry jail, co. Antrim, for extended temporary transfer. In the current political climate, his officials are aware that there will be little public sympathy for transfers designed to improve prisoners' access to their families.

Solicitors acting for most of the Republican terrorists are planning to bring proceedings for judicial review over Mr Howard's failure to decide on their application to be transferred to Northern Ireland. Patricia Coyle, a solicitor, said: "Counsel have been instructed with a view to bringing proceedings in connection with delay in any movement on this issue."

A total of 28 prisoners, including people convicted of non-terrorist offences, have applied for a transfer but only 16 are outstanding, including requests from people convicted of IRA bombings in Britain during the past two decades. The applications have been discussed frequently since last November when Peter Lloyd, the prisons minister, told MPs the government would implement the recommendation of a Whitehall committee for the greater use of temporary transfer.

Under the regulations prisoners can be sent to the province on an extended transfer which can last several months, though privately officials admit that the arrangement could quietly become permanent.

Ministers are extremely sensitive about transfers, particularly if men and women convicted of some of the worst terrorist outrages were seen to be returning to a prison regime at Maghaberry which is noted for its good facilities, including cells with television.

Portillo faces Tory revolt on tax rises

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

MICHAEL Portillo is trying to slash hundreds of millions of pounds from Whitehall running costs in the face of a growing Tory revolt over the prospect of tax rises in the November Budget.

With the annual spending negotiations about to get into full swing, the Treasury chief secretary has told cabinet colleagues that he expects across-the-board savings of 2 per cent in the cost of running the government administrative machine. The target could mean cuts in civil service staffing jobs, particularly in departments such as the Treasury, whose main costs are administration.

At the same time Mr Portillo has given a strong hint that the Treasury is considering further increases in indirect taxation — possibly by extending the scope of VAT — as an alternative to raising income tax in Kenneth Clarke's first Budget.

More and more private and public warnings are being issued by senior Tory backbenchers that they will not stomach tax rises: instead they are urging the government to lower the ceilings agreed for spending over the next two years. Senior Tories believe that the dispute over taxes and spending now represents a threat to Conservative unity, similar to that over the ratification of the Maastricht treaty.

Mr Portillo responded to the fears of MPs over direct tax rises when he appeared in BBC TV's *Breakfast with Frost* programme yesterday. But he carefully left open the door to increases in indirect taxation. Several Tories believe the Treasury is preparing the way for imposing VAT on items such as newspapers and books in the next Budget.

Mr Portillo appeared to be warning that if the party's aim of low taxation clashed with its top priority of sound finances, then taxes would go up. "I can't say now that come November we won't need to see the rate of public borrowing falling faster, and that would mean that we would have to have some tax increases," he said.

Mr Portillo added: "We are a party that believes in low taxation ... But we are also a party that believes in sound public finances. From time to time these two may come into conflict. When they do, we must make sure the public finances are sound."

"I'm prepared to be tough because I think it is very important that the government ... should not live beyond its means."

Challenge by Gould could split Labour

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR MPs' discontent over Margaret Beckett's performance as deputy leader has raised fears among party leaders that she could face a potentially divisive challenge for the job next summer.

Bryan Gould, who resigned from the shadow cabinet last year over Labour's European policy, is being urged by close supporters to mount a campaign to oust her as a way of promoting changes in the party's direction, particularly on the economy.

Yesterday he said: "I have no current plans to challenge for either the leadership or deputy leadership. But it is certainly the case that there is some general and perhaps growing unhappiness with the party's current attitude and strategy. That unhappiness might become more focused by this time next year, in which case the possibility of a challenge could not be ruled out."

Senior party sources said that Mr Gould would not be thanked if he launched a deputy leadership challenge that could lead to internal divisions in the run-up to next year's election campaign for Euro MPs.

Mrs Beckett has been criticised by MPs for her low profile in the posts of deputy leader and campaigns co-ordinator. Although some of John Smith's supporters are thought to be unhappy with her performance, he would inevitably throw his public backing behind Mrs Beckett, with whom he was elected as party leader on a union-backed "dream ticket" last year.

Intelligence services move out from the shadows

BY MICHAEL EVANS
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■ The spirit of openness adopted by the security services in Britain has caused more than one little local difficulty

THE process of introducing Britain's intelligence services to the outside world has taken several years to gestate. In the next parliamentary session, MI6 and GCHQ will join MI5 on the statute books and all three will be overseen by parliament.

Stella Rimington, MI5's first woman director-general, has been seen as the trailblazer for a new era of openness. The moves to bring MI5 out of the shadows began before she was appointed. Discussions had taken place at the Home Office and Cabinet Office during the time of Sir Patrick Walker, Mrs Rimington's predecessor. When she took over 18 months ago, she added new impetus. She even made it clear she was in favour of playing a public role.

At the 19-storey Century House headquarters of MI6 near Waterloo, there was a similar mood of openness. Sir Colin McColl, a highly respected career intelligence officer who had agreed to stay on as head of MI6 to bring the service into the new post-Cold war era, supported parliamentary oversight.

The new policy has already had its drawbacks. With the cloak of secrecy removed officially by John Major, the heads of MI5 and MI6 have had to come to terms with the more negative aspects of publicity. Mrs Rimington and Sir Colin have been forced to move house because of newspaper articles pinpointing their home addresses.

After so many years working out of the public eye, it will be a learning experience for the services to be subjected to parliamentary questioning. MI6, which provides intelligence to meet requests from government departments, including the Foreign Office, has had almost no contact with elected Members of Parliament.

MI6's planned move to its new building at Vauxhall Cross has already thrust it into an unwelcome spotlight. After a decade of being hidden, it will reside from next April in a building that will feature on every Thames guide.

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Rimington: keen to promote openness

British climber is killed in Eiger fall

BY RONALD FAUX

A BRITISH woman has been killed and her partner injured in a fall on the Eiger, Swiss emergency services reported yesterday.

The woman, 45, is understood to have fallen nearly 1,000ft down the west flank of the mountain. A helicopter rescued the two climbers and flew the woman and her partner, a man aged 46, to hospital. Their names will not been revealed until next of kin have been informed.

A police spokesman said the two climbers set out at dawn on Saturday from the Eiger glacier station. They had reached about 3,400 metres when they decided to retreat because the woman became exhausted. They were roped together when she fell. Cries for help were heard by other climbers and the emergency services were alerted.

The woman died in hospital as a result of her injuries. Her partner's condition was not disclosed. The accident brings to 32 the number of people killed mountaineering this season in Switzerland.

☐ Severe weather conditions are thought to have defeated a British expedition attempting to climb K2, at 28,253ft the second highest summit in the world.

The four-strong team of Roger Payne, his wife Julie Ann Clyma, Alan Hinkes and Victor Saunders, were reported to have established their fourth camp on the mountain, 1,400ft below the summit. But monsoon-strength rain at base camp fell as heavy, wind-driven snow high on the mountain. Severe storms in the area have forced seven expeditions to retreat to base camps.

K2 has already claimed five lives this year. The British climbers reported finding the remains of Art Gilkey, an American climber who disappeared in 1953.

Hearings to be in public

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of the three-member panels of the tribunal, an independent statutory body, have been strictly private, although solicitors are entitled to ask for a public hearing — which they almost never do. But the question of opening hearings to the public has regularly been on the tribunal's agenda for the past few years.

It is understood that procedural changes to bring the tribunal into line with the courts, including opening hearings to the public, have been tabled and should take effect from November, when a statutory instrument comes into efffect.

Susan Elson, clerk to the tribunal, would not discuss the matter, saying: "We are making a number of procedural changes and the tribunal proposes to announce these when they come into force." But it is believed that a majority of the 25-member tribunal, which has opposed it in the past, now favours the reform.

Tories plan rebellion over train fare rises

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East's under-funded services, claim they are confident of embarrassing the government over the privatisation of rail unless it makes major concessions. In particular, they are pleged to fight Mr MacGregor over his determination to overturn the Lords amendment allowing British Rail to bid for some of the franchises.

Last night, Sir Keith Speed, MP for Ashford, Kent, said: "If Mr MacGregor approved these fare rises there would be a political storm. They would be confronted with big hurdles. They are unacceptable." Andrew Bowden, MP for Brighton Kemptown, also spoke of a huge rebellion from heartland Tories.

Frightened by the defeat in the Christchuch by-election where the death of Robert Adley, an arch critic of the programme, led to the Liberals overturning a 23,000 majority, the Tory rebels are now determined to fight John MacGregor "head on" over the privatisation plans. Although Mr MacGregor claims his department has received scores of inquiries for franchises, most are thought to be from BR management buy-out teams. According to one BR source, no serious "outside" approach has yet been made, even for InterCity's London to Gatwick express, one of the "jewels" in British Rail's crown.

Critics of privatisation claimed yesterday the proposed fare increases had been leaked to put pressure on Mr MacGregor to increase government aid during the transition to privatisation.

CORRECTION

In the Listener Crossword grid in *The Times Magazine* on Saturday, the central six-by-six square should have been differently shaded. We apologise to solvers for the omission.

ANNOUNCING AN INDIAN TEA PROMOTION AT HARRODS. (ANOTHER EVENT THIS SUMMER WHERE IT WILL DEFINITELY BE POURING).



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Sea stops play on wet wicket

TWO teams turned a sandbank seven miles out at sea into a cricket pitch at the weekend before the turning tide stopped play.

Scarweather Sands off the coast of Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, is exposed only rarely at exceptionally low tides. On Saturday the 22 players, all wearing whites, arrived by small boats, and a few spectators brought along deckchairs to add to the village green atmosphere. Shore-based spectators tried to follow proceedings through binoculars.

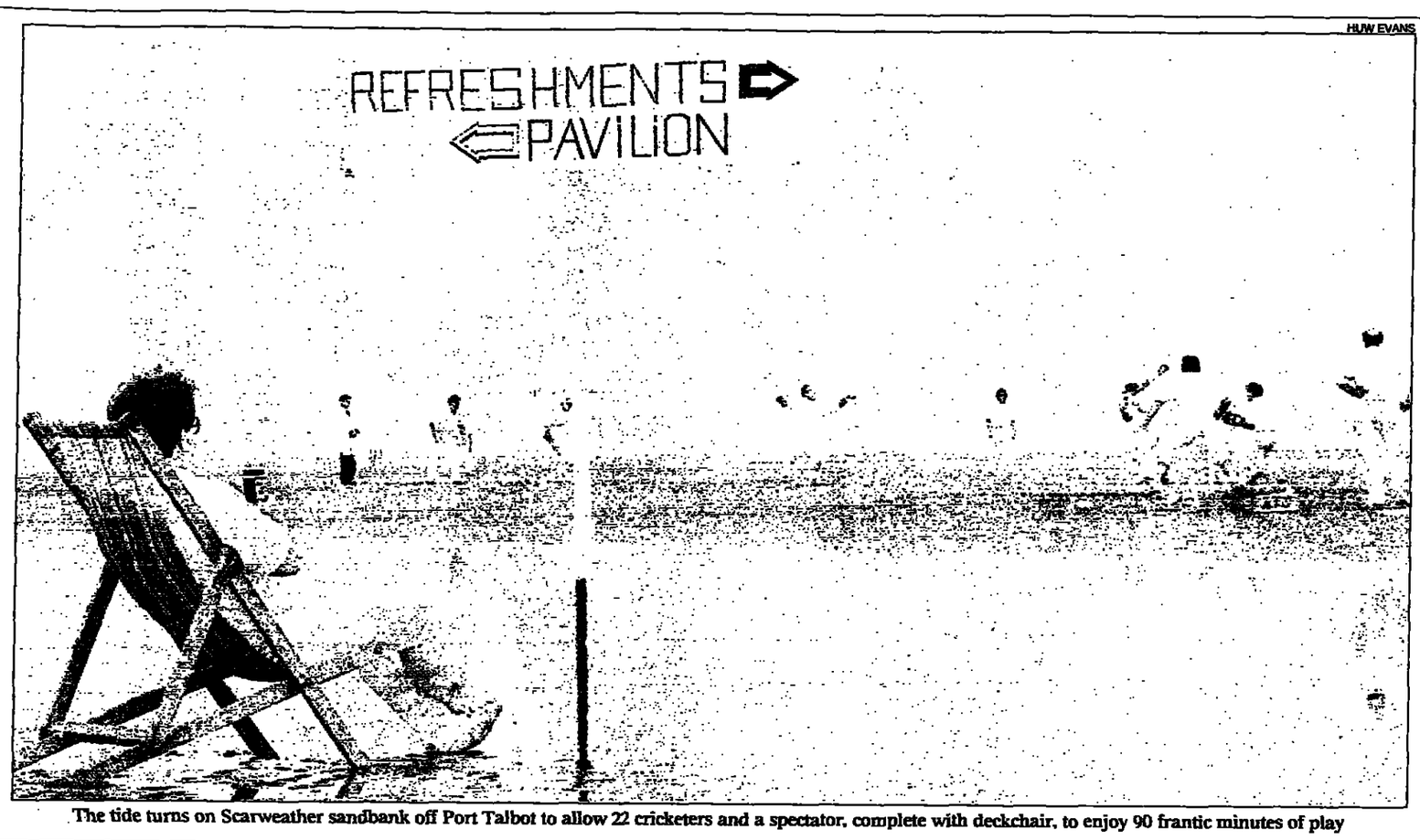
The sea exposed the sandbank for the teams each to have an innings of about 13 overs in 45 minutes on the soggy wicket.

The players, a mixture of cricket enthusiasts and local businessmen, including the mayor of Port Talbot, were helping to raise money for local lifeguards.

Any batsman knocking the ball into the water scored a six but was also declared out.

At the end of the brief match, the cricketers returned to their boats to watch the wicket disappear beneath the waves. It is unlikely to surface again for another five years.

HUW EVANS



The tide turns on Scarweather sandbank off Port Talbot to allow 22 cricketers and a spectator, complete with deckchair, to enjoy 90 frantic minutes of play

Pensioners call for lower TV licence fee

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY 250,000 people have signed a petition calling for free or cut-price television licences for pensioners.

The signatures, collected by *Yours*, a magazine for the over-60s, will be addressed to Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, in the next few weeks to coincide with the government's review of the licence fee for 1994-96. The petition will be handed to Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, because Mr Brooke has refused to receive it.

The campaign has cross-party support from MPs and peers, including Sir Teddy Taylor, Lord Healey and Paddy Ashdown, as well as leading churchmen, including Lord Soper and the Bishop of Ripon.

Campaigners say that for many pensioners, particularly the house-bound, television is not a luxury but a vital link with the outside world, as well as providing comfort.

Neil Patrick, editor of *Yours*, said he had been overwhelmed by the response to the petition. "We initially thought we might get a respectable 10,000 signatures, but now we are expecting more than 20 times that amount," he said.

Mr Patrick said he would be urging Mr Brooke to consider introducing an automatic reduction in the television licence fee for the elderly. "Pensioners are paying an even greater proportion of their income than working people. It simply is not fair. The licence fee is £83 and yet the weekly state retirement pension for a married couple is only about £90," he said.

Mr Patrick added that many elderly people were concerned about an anomaly. Pensioners in housing association-run sheltered housing benefit from a concessionary £5 television licence. Others of the same age, living next door, pay the full fee because their accommodation is run by a private management company.

The government is due to announce the television licence fee for 1994-96 in October or November, after a report from the consultants Touche Ross on the BBC's finances.

Judge sounds alarm over gangland rise in jury nobbling

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

CRIMINALS are intimidating increasing numbers of people to stop them giving evidence or to change their stories in the witness box, according to one of Britain's senior judges.

Jurors are also being sent warning letters and offered thousands of pounds to secure a not-guilty verdict on serious offences. Criminals set aside an "insurance" fund for "nobbling" purposes, and recruit inmates about to leave prison who offer jurors up to £500 a week for co-operation.

Senior members of the judiciary and police have become so alarmed at the level of intimidation, particularly in relation to armed robbery and drugs offences, that Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has set up a committee to look at measures to provide greater protection for witnesses. The committee, headed by Peter Harris, the Official Solicitor, is expected to make recommendations later this year.

Police in Greater Manchester have set up a witness protection scheme, and the Metropolitan police are to put protection for witnesses, juries and informants under the control of one unit.

Mr Justice Potter, the presiding judge on the Northern Circuit, who last year sent a silent witness to prison for three months for contempt of court, has said that witness intimidation has got grown in the past two years.

"Witnesses, particularly those who live in areas of high criminal activity who may have witnessed crimes and given statements to police, are, when faced with giving evidence in court, either finding that they really can't recollect what they'd previously vividly recollected or alternatively simply refuse to answer on the grounds that they have been intimidated," Mr Justice Potter tells BBC1's *Panorama* programme tonight. He says people on council estates and other housing areas are particularly susceptible.

The programme interviews a number of people who have been the subject of attemped intimidation and jury nobbling. Cases include:

☐ A man who witnessed a fatal fight on Tyneside. He says that before the case got to court he suffered intimidation from strangers stopping him in the street and telephone calls to his home in the middle of the night. He was also visited at work by a man who threatened to "kneecap" him. "He opened his jacket up and there was a gun inside. 'You're not going to give evidence, are you?'," the witness says he was told.

☐ A teenage girl who was a witness to an attempted murder by a drugs gang. Her jaw was broken when she was kicked downstairs by three women shortly before the trial opened.

☐ An organised crime trial last year, in which a minor criminal was recruited by defendants to offer jurors up to £500. He followed a juror home and then made a direct approach, giving the person £200 in an envelope. However, the trial was stopped after the juror told another member of the jury what had happened. Supt Albert Kirby, of Merseyside police, tells *Panorama*: "A slush fund of £10,000 had been put together to pay him and any other jurors."

☐ A Tyneside woman juror who received a letter that read: "Don't believe what they say to you. They might say they will protect you but when it is over you'll be forgotten about. That's when you will have to face the music by yourself. You'll even have to move house but I'll find you."

Souvenir mug stocks run low in palace shop

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

VISITORS to Buckingham Palace are being put on rations — one commemorative mug and decorative pill box each — because demand is so high.

The restriction on the two most popular items in the palace gift shop was introduced just two weeks into the two-month open season because souvenir hunters are snapping them up faster than manufacturers can supply them. With up to 400,000 people expected to visit the palace this summer, *The Times* predicted on the day it opened that the souvenir shop was likely to run out of most goods early. Most of the companies making souvenirs received commissions less than 12 weeks before they were due to supply them.

The director of media affairs for the Royal Collection Trust, Mr Dickie Arbiter, yesterday confirmed the £10 mugs and £8 pill boxes were being rationed. He rejected criticism that poor organisation was to blame.

The rationing did not go down well with tourists yesterday. Camilla Russel, 40, from Beckenham, Kent, said she had strict instructions to buy three mugs. "One was for my mum and the others for my daughters. They are going to be disappointed."

Universities open all hours to ease demand for places

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

UNIVERSITY admissions tutors were working overtime yesterday to cope with a record A-level rush, as new figures confirmed the impact of a continuing squeeze on campus budgets.

Many admissions offices remained open throughout the weekend to field enquiries from applicants trying to beat their rivals to the remaining places on arts and social sciences degrees. Hundreds of courses will still have vacancies when the official clearing process begins on Wednesday, but most will be in science and technology.

Staff reported brisk business on helplines yesterday, many operating a weekend service for the first time. The national picture was patchy, with some traditional universities reporting vacancies even in the arts and social sciences, in contrast to some of the former polytechnics.

Admissions officers expect the squeeze to worsen next year if they have to compensate for over-recruitment in the current round. Universities and colleges will not be funded for recruitment beyond their 1992 intake, but are obliged to honour all offers.

John Patten, the education secretary, will face immediate pressure on his return to work today to relax the restrictions and find a new source of funding for higher education. Vice-chancellors are canvassing four options to raise extra money from students, three involving loans and one based on a graduate tax.

Official statistics published today will fuel the universities' argument that present funding levels are leading to a decline in the service they can provide. The traditional universities' financial position improved in 1991-2, but the switch came at the expense of larger classes.

In four years beginning in 1987-8, the number of students per member of staff in arts subjects rose from 12.6 to 16.1. Throughout the traditional universities, the ratio rose from 10.7 to 13.1, and the increase for the new universities is certain to be greater.

☐ The Welsh Joint Education Committee yesterday blamed a computer blunder for wrongly awarding A grades to all 84 students who sat a Welsh for Adults A-level examination.

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Veteran leads the field running for fun

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

SHE is an inspiration to everyone who runs, from Olympic champion to gentle jogger. At 71, and a world marathon record holder in her age group, José Waller will be one of the most familiar faces at the Reebok/*The Times* National Fun Run in Hyde Park on Sunday, September 26.

The two-and-a-half-mile run, one of the most popular British sporting events of the year, will serve as a preparatory race for Mrs Waller for the World Veterans Championships in Japan in October. However, she would have made the journey from her home in Devon even if she had not had an important event in sight.

"It is such a delightful atmosphere, with all the camaraderie and companionship," Mrs Waller said. "The distance is not too far for everyone to have a go and it becomes a real family occasion."

The run gives her some sharp speed work for the severity of world championships, although she will be running alongside the fat, the thin, the muscular and the weak in an event that caters for all sizes and all abilities.

Mrs Waller received an award for her success in the 1987 fun run from Emil Zatopek, the great Czech postwar Olympic champion, only five years after she began running at the age of 62. Like many people of that age, she had initial difficulty even reaching the second lamp-post after she had turned out of her front door.



Waller: "It is such a delightful atmosphere"

"I was completely exhausted. My son, who was competing in athletics, was not keen at the start. But when he saw how determined I was, he gave me excellent advice, telling me to alternate walking and running. It was still a long time before I was able to run five miles."

She added: "There is a little thing inside me, which has always said, 'Persevere gently,' and I continued training. I've always listened to my body rather than to passers-by who shout things like, 'Come on, gran.' If my body tells me I am overdoing the training, I have a rest day."

This is a sound policy for anyone who is using the fun run next month as a stepping stone to the 1991 NutraSweet London Marathon. Mrs Waller was encouraged to attempt the marathon when she manned a feeding station in the 1985 race and saw women such as Madge Sharples, a celebrated figure in the early events, complete the distance.

Mrs Waller ran four hours, 18 minutes, 47 seconds at her first attempt; three hours, 46 minutes, 25 seconds for a British record in 1987; and by 1988 was down to three hours, 35 minutes, 49 seconds for an age-group world record.

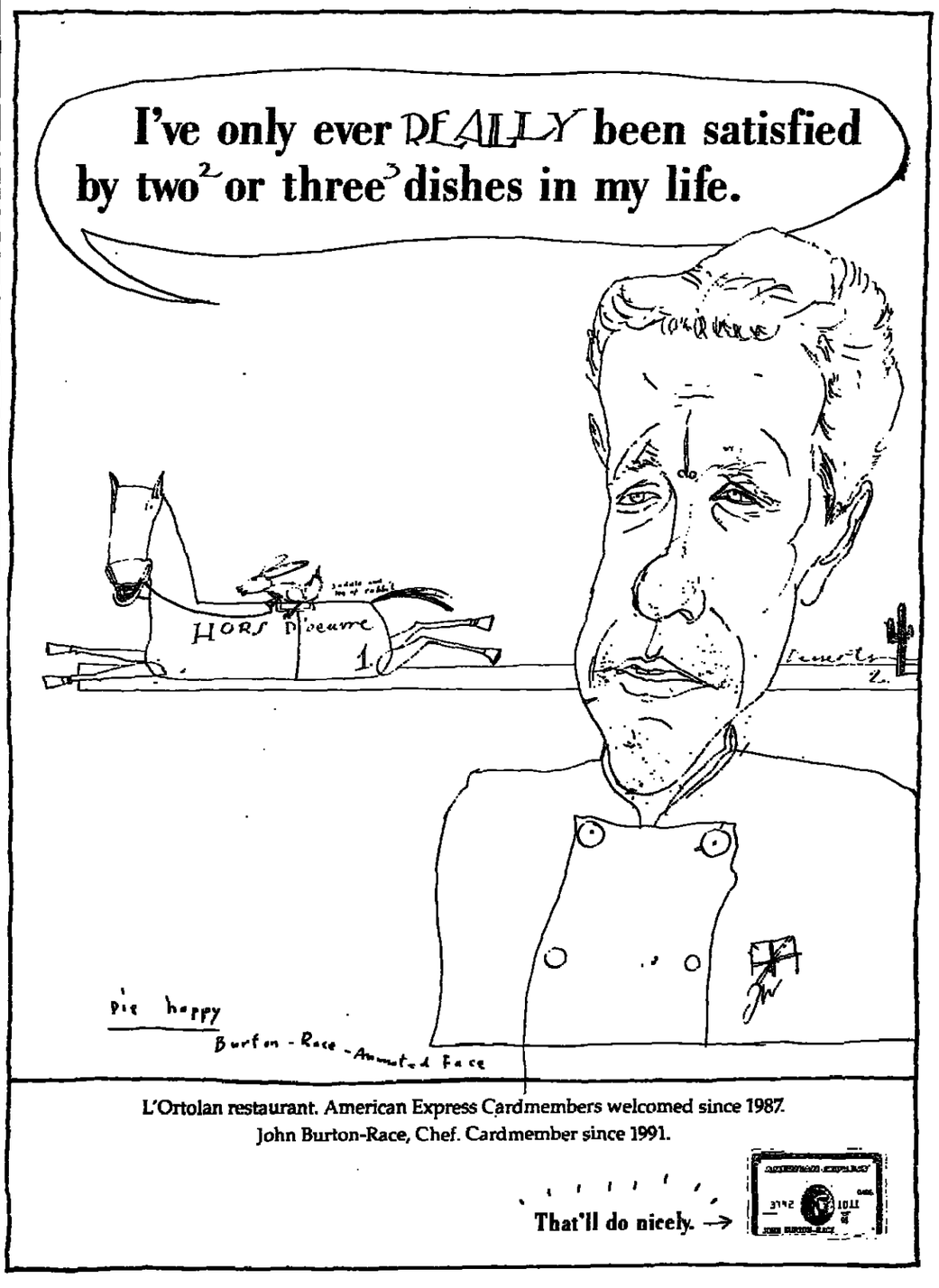
This year, she has run three hours, 49 minutes, 2 seconds, based on a training schedule of almost 50 miles a week.

What could she have done if she had started running in her youth? "I believe I would probably have achieved something, but I also probably would have been a burnt-out case."

Instead, she is a celebrated figure with her club, the Teignbridge Trotters. At the World Veterans Championships, in October, she has entered the 1500 metres, 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres and the marathon.

☐ *Forms for the Reebok/The Times National Fun Run can be obtained from PO Box 3460, London SE1 8RZ. Enclose a stamped, addressed envelope of around nine inches by four inches. Closing date is September 13.*

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Families fear court reversal in Lockerbie damages case

By Jamie Dettmer

RELATIVES of Pan Am passengers killed in the 1988 Lockerbie bombing fear that their four-year fight to secure compensation from the airline is heading for a serious legal setback in the United States.

Pan Am lawyers are confident they are on the brink of overturning on appeal last year's US district court ruling which found the airline guilty of negligence and wilful misconduct in its handling of baggage security at Frankfurt airport. The court's decision was greeted with relief by the Lockerbie families, who believed it would pave the way to a speedy settlement of their compensation claims. The bombing killed 259 passengers and crew.

If the airline succeeds in the US Court of Appeal in New York, the families will be forced to return to a district court for a retrial of their original £463 million compensation case, a process that could take up to two years to complete.

Yesterday, Jim Swire, a doctor from Bromsgrove, Hereford and Worcester, whose daughter Flora died in the bombing, said it seemed "very likely" that the three-judge Court of Appeal, which is now considering confidential submissions from both parties, would rule in the airline's favour later this year.

"I am appalled by the prospect. Most of us have received no compensation at all. While the court battle has gone on, there has been an increase in the number of stress-related deaths and stress-induced illnesses among the relatives," he said.

James Kreindler, one of the American lawyers representing the relatives, said last night: "We expect a decision in early autumn. We are still cautiously confident of victory, but you can never predict the outcome of cases. If we do lose, then it will put us back two years."

According to yesterday's *Scotland on Sunday* newspaper, Pan Am's legal team has argued in its submission to the appeal court that crucial evidence which would have cleared the airline of legal responsibility for the bombing of its Frankfurt-to-New York flight 103 was wrongly excluded by the district court judge.

Much of this evidence revolves around the airline's luggage screening programme. In 1988, Pan Am moved away from a US government-approved system of matching bags and passengers. Lawyers for the Lockerbie families argued that this change was part of a cost-cutting exercise and compromised passenger safety. The district court judge excluded evidence that the airline had received permission from the US Federal Aviation Administration to alter its screening system.

Pan Am's lawyers have also argued that the district court judge should have dismissed as hearsay the testimony of a Scottish police officer, Det Con Derek Henderson, who claimed during the trial that the radio-cassette bomb which detonated on board the flight was in an unaccompanied suitcase. They say that PC Henderson's evidence is "based on multiple layers of hearsay" as he was not involved in the luggage-handling and screening operations at Frankfurt airport or at Heathrow, where the flight stopped over.



DENZIL McNEELANCE

Francesca Collin of Christie's admires a doll discovered on BBC Television's *Antiques Roadshow*, which is to be auctioned for an estimated £18,000 in London (John Shaw writes).

The doll called Sophie was a gift from Queen Victoria to an Indian princess and was later given to the princess's goddaughter, Drovna Oxley, of Narberth, Dyfed. Sophie was made by Francois Gaultier in France in the 1870s and has a painted porcelain face and real hair which is plaited.

Costume historians will be attracted by her extensive wardrobe of day and evening wear, jewellery, opera glasses, shoes and accessories complete with valise. Hilary Kay, a toy specialist at Sotheby's, identified the doll when the roadshow visited Pembroke last November. The auction is on September 23.

Mrs Oxley, who runs the village shop, said she was sad to sell the heirloom. "I am heartbroken because she has been in the family for so long. But her clothes need expert attention as the silk is delicate, and she would be expensive to insure." Mrs Oxley was nine when she was given the doll and was allowed to play with it only occasionally. It was named after Princess Sophia Duleep Singh, daughter of a Sikh maharajah who was a ward of Queen Victoria.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman, 60, fights off gunman

A woman aged 60 fought and disarmed a masked gunman when he tried to rob a jewellery shop.

The woman, who has not been named, grabbed the gun when the man burst into the shop in Bradford and was cut on the hand when she wrestled the knife from him.

The man was pushed out into the street where he was caught by another worker at the shop and a passer-by. A 35-year-old man is due to appear before magistrates today.

Rapist hunted

A girl aged 15 was raped by a man who grabbed her from a busy street in Saltley, Birmingham, in daylight and dragged her into an alleyway. Police said: "The girl put up a real struggle but she is just 5ft 2in and this monster was 6ft. He was too powerful for her."

Twins shot

Gerrard McNulty, 22, a soldier on home leave, was poorly but stable in hospital after he and his twin brother were shot after an argument outside a club in Heywood, Greater Manchester. Neil McNulty was not seriously hurt. The gunman ran off.

Ferry rampage

Eight men were being held after members of a stag party allegedly assaulted a woman and caused more than £3,000 damage on a ferry from Harwich to the Hook of Holland.

Birds drown

Two men who fell asleep while waiting to liberate competition pigeons by the river Annan, Dumfries and Galloway, awoke to find the tide had come in and 120 had drowned.

Women held

Police were questioning four women after Hazel Pugh, 39, of Kidderminster, Hereford and Worcester, broke her skull in a fight at a pub. She was critically ill last night.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly premium bonds draw are: £100,000, number 32AK 853216, winner from Middlesex (value of holding, £5,000); £50,000, 21XL 506503, Essex (£1,870); £25,000, 13SF 500315, overseas, (£10,000).

RAF chief predicts private contracts will cost jobs

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

NEW "value for money" measures imposed on the three armed forces, which will place servicemen's jobs in direct competition with private contractors, could mean heavier manpower cuts over the next few years, a service chief said yesterday.

The three services are already in the process of reducing manpower significantly in accordance with the government's Options for Change defence programme. The Royal Navy and RAF have been hit by a second round of cuts, forced by the Treasury's decision to slice another £1 billion off the defence budget.

Now there are fears that manpower levels will have to drop even further because of a drive by the Ministry of Defence to "market test" many of the services' support facilities against outside contractors.

The cost of support services, such as transport repair, maintenance and catering at bases, is being evaluated to see if the work can be done more cheaply either by ministry-employed civilians or by private companies. The services will have to compete for the work they now do by right.

Yesterday, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, chief of the air staff, said he hoped that in the RAF's case, his service would win some of the contracts. "But it's hard to believe it will not mean that we have to release more personnel," he said.

The market testing programme, which has imposed tough cost-cutting targets on the armed forces, has been introduced on top of another efficiency scheme that was already supposed to encourage service chiefs to find alternative and cheaper ways of carrying out basic support duties. Under the "new management strategy", commanders in the three services have been given responsibility for their own budgets and have the power to switch work to private contractors if they believe they offer better value for money.

Sir Michael said, in an interview with *The Times*, that the new market testing scheme could lead to "a vicious circle". The RAF could find it had more people than it needed once private contractors took over some of the jobs. This would mean having to pay out yet more money to redundant service personnel.

A special fund of £1.5 billion was set aside by the defence ministry for redundancy payments to personnel from all three services. However, this "transition money" has already been fully accounted for and the fund closes on April 1, 1995, by which time the Options reductions will have been completed.

Any further manpower reductions caused by new Treasury cuts or by the market testing programme will have to be paid for by the individual services.

RAF chiefs are now in the process of market testing a number of support services which have been valued at £270 million. If the work proves to be cheaper in the hands of private contractors, further redundancies are expected.

£80m rush fuels holiday war

By Harvey Elliott, Travel Correspondent

ALMOST 250,000 package holidays costing more than £80 million were sold in 48 hours by one tour operator at the weekend.

On Friday and Saturday, the first days that brochures offering holidays for the summer peak of 1994 appeared on travel agents' shelves, Thomson, the market leader, took well over 230,000 bookings compared with 41,000 during the same two-day period last year.

The company, which was the first big tour operator to make its brochures available, believes that a combination of improved confidence that the recession is over, a High Street price "war" between travel agents and generally poor weather in Britain this summer has convinced families to book their holidays even before the end of this year's season.

"This is easily the biggest surge we have ever seen," Charles Newbold, managing director of Thomson, said. "We sold as many holidays on Friday and Saturday as we sold in an entire month when the brochures were launched last year and even more than we did in the real boom of 1987 and 1988."

Thomson claims to have cut the average price of holidays next year by 6 per cent, with Spain the favourite destination among early bookers at the weekend, selling at 10 per cent below this summer's rates.

The big savings have come through the leading travel agency chains who are now involved in a bitter fight for market leadership, and have sacrificed their 10 per cent commission to compete. They are having to rely instead on selling holiday insurance at a high premium and at a healthy commission to make any profit.

"It is difficult to see how they can keep this up," Mr Newbold said. "To offer 10 per cent off the price of any holiday booked through them now means that they are not getting any commission at all."

Park kidnap foiled

By Helen Nowicka

AN ATTEMPT to kidnap a three-year-old boy as he played in a park was foiled by his 11-year-old cousin, police said yesterday.

Scotland Yard said the older boy had been playing on swings when he saw a stranger pick up his cousin and place a hand over the boy's mouth. The man, in his early 20s and of Asian appearance, then attempted to leave Beaversfield Park in Hounslow, west London, still carrying the child. When the older boy realised what was happening, he shouted at the man who dropped the infant and ran away.

Det Con Peter Scriven, of Hounslow CID, said the kidnap attempt on Friday evening was probably sexually motivated. "God knows what would have happened if he hadn't intervened," he said.

The failed abduction was disclosed on the day that *Police Review* magazine disclosed that nearly 15 per cent of teenagers questioned for a police survey had been followed by a stranger.

Jaguar plays safe with twin airbags

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

THE car judged the safest in Britain is to become even safer. Jaguar will announce today that its XJ6 saloons are to be fitted with airbags to protect front seat passengers as well as drivers.

The new airbag will be fitted instead of a glovebox and will inflate on crash impact, cushioning the passenger's body.

The XJ6 was found to be the safest car on the road in a survey by the transport department, which measured the number of people injured in road accidents. Current cars already have a driver's airbag, one of the features thought to have helped the luxury car company to win its top safety rating.

In tests of 90 models, the transport department discovered that a driver in a Citroen 2CV was more than three times more likely to die in a crash than the driver of a Jaguar XJ6. The injury rating for the Citroen was 83 per cent in a two-car crash, while the XJ6 was 28 per cent.

The addition of the airbag is one of a number of features which now put the British-made luxury Jaguar saloons and sports cars among the safest in the world. Other standard fittings include anti-lock brakes with skid sensors, a gearshift interlock which prevents mistakes in selecting gears on automatic transmissions, side impact beams, collapsible steering columns and an inertia cut-off for the fuel system to prevent petrol escaping in the event of a crash, which could cause a fire or explosion.

Engineers have also fitted the battery in the boot, well away from the engine, and the fuel tank is isolated from the passenger cabin by a steel bulkhead.

Jaguar engineers will show off the latest improvements at the Frankfurt Motor Show early next month.

Nick Scheele, Jaguar's chairman, said: "Jaguar is committed to meeting the safety needs and expectations of our customers. Standardising passenger side airbags and gearshift interlock exemplify Jaguar's policy of continuous improvement in the field of vehicle safety engineering."

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Explorers hope to unlock secrets of a final frontier in the spirit of Everest's first conquerors

British pilot plots seven-mile flight to Pacific seabed

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

IN SAN Francisco Bay, a British engineer is putting the finishing touches to plans for a deep-sea expedition that echoes Hillary's assault on Everest 40 years ago.

Rather than scale the heights of the Himalayas, Graham Hawkes hopes to build and pilot a craft to the floor of the Challenger Deep, nearly seven miles below the surface of the Pacific.

The chasm, off the island of Guam, has been visited only once, in 1960, by the US bathyscape *Trieste*. The craft began cracking up because of the pressure and the crew, Don Walsh, a navy lieutenant, and Jacques Piccard, a Swiss explorer, stayed down for only 20 minutes.

The latest exploration, named the Ocean Everest Expedition, will use a craft that flies like an aeroplane and should be able to stay on the bottom for about four hours, giving time for the first extensive research to be carried out.

The motivation is not just the challenge but a belief that man's failure to explore the oceans has been a serious oversight.

It is thought that clues to climate changes, regulation of the weather and the origins of life may be found many thousands of fathoms beneath the waves. More money and effort, however, has been spent on the exploration of space.

"It is amazing that we have plans to go to Mars but cannot go seven miles beneath the oceans," Sylvia Earle, founder of Deep Ocean Engineering, which is involved in the project, said. She was formerly chief scientist at the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, a US government agency.

Deep Flight 2, the name of the proposed craft, is intended to end that anomaly. Designers hope to produce a craft that can withstand and remain at such depths and can be deployed simply and cheaply.

In another project, Japanese researchers, backed by a quasi-governmental organisation called Japan Marine Science and Technology Centre and companies including Mitsubishi and Kawasaki, plan to lower a $50 million robot named Kaiko into the chasm, which is part of an area known as the Mariana Trench. The launch is expected at the end of the summer.

Mr Hawkes, from Tooting, southwest London, claims that the Japanese approach is old-fashioned, however. A traditional submersible would take about six hours to travel to the ocean floor via gravity.

Mr Hawkes, 46, formerly with Plessey and founder of Offshore Submersions of Great Yarmouth, Suffolk, expects to make the trip down in an hour by "flying" at speeds of up to 15 knots.

The Japanese craft requires a 400ft long, specially equipped mother ship with a three-storey winch, Mr Hawkes claims. *Deep Flight 2*, which will be 18ft long with a 9ft wingspan, could be deployed from almost any ocean-going vessel, increasing the opportunities for scientists to launch missions.

It will be built with the latest in advanced ceramics developed by the US Navy to withstand the pressure of 16,000 pounds per square inch found at these depths. The hull will be fully pressurised so that the crew will not need to wear special suits.

Before launching the mission the team, which is based at Hawkes Associates in Point Richmond, California, plans to test the design and the technology, using two prototypes.

Next year, the teams intends to test *Deep Flight 1*, which will be able to go to depths of about 4,000ft, off the coast of the Bahamas. An unmanned craft, called *Jules Verne Explorer*, is on the drawing board and the team hopes to send it into the Mariana Trench next spring.

The second prototype will be bristling with cameras and instruments and will test the strength of light-weight ceramic hulls.

It will use a fibre-optic cable no thicker than a guitar string to send data and pictures to the surface. The cable, up to twelve and a half miles long, will unravel from the craft's belly.

By combining the experience and technologies of *Deep Flight 1* with *Jules Verne Explorer*, the team hopes to have the $10 million *Deep Flight 2* ready for launch in 1996.

What life they will find in the pitch black world of the Challenger Deep is unknown. They may discover new species of fish, animals and plants. Once, scientists thought that no life could exist so far below the surface, but this has been challenged by recent research.

Dr Earle said: "I would be astonished if we find no life at all ... we have recently discovered ocean vents on the bed which, despite the high temperatures and heavy metals, are crawling with life."



Loophole undermines future of coastal flora and fauna

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

ANIMAL and plant life in the seas round the coast of England are at risk from human activity because they fall outside the protection of existing conservation regulations, according to a report published today.

Less than 1 per cent of the 1,930 square miles of inshore seabed identified as being of especial interest is covered by wildlife legislation, English Nature, the government's chief adviser on conservation in England, says.

The agency has compiled a list of 27 sensitive marine areas, from Holy Island and the Farnes in the northeast, to the Scilly Isles in the southwest, which it considers to be in urgent need of protection against over-exploitation.

Dan Laffoley, head of the agency's marine task force, said: "The statutory protection provided by the 'site of special scientific interest' designation applies only down to the low-water line. We need to recognise the importance for plant and animal life of sub-tidal areas."

Although some of these areas could eventually be protected by measures proposed under the European Community's habitats and species directive, none of those were likely to take effect before the end of the century, Dr Laffoley said. "In the meantime, and to support the legislation when it comes into force, we are proposing a series of joint actions now by those who use and enjoy these sites, using voluntary measures backed up by existing regulatory controls."

The agency wants research into the effect of water pollution on marine wildlife and agreements to limit fishing, shipping and recreational activities. It also favours the development of voluntary marine nature reserves supported by government grants. Among the 27 sites listed by the agency are the Colne and Blackwater estuaries in Essex, which are particularly valuable for their salt marsh plants and colonies of breeding seals; Lyme Bay in Dorset, which has large areas of sea fan, a form of coral; and the Severn estuary, which attracts large numbers of migratory fish, including salmon, sea trout and eel.

Other sites in need of better protection are:
Maw Wyke Hole to Beast Cliff in North Yorkshire; Flamborough Head, Humberside; The Wash and North Norfolk; Orford Ness in Suffolk; Thanet; Seven Sisters, East Sussex; the Solent and the Isle of Wight; Poole Bay, Isle of Purbeck, Portland and Fleet, Dorset; Torbay to the Dart estuary, Bolt Tail to Slapton, including Salcombe estuary, Plymouth Sound, and the Yealm, Devon; Tamar, Dodman Point to the Lizard, St Ives Bay, Trevose Head to Boscastle, including the Camel estuary, Cornwall; Ilfracombe to Combe Martin, and Lundy, north Devon; Dee estuary and Wirral coast; Morecambe Bay and Lune Deep; the Cumbrian coast; Solway.

☐ *Managing England's Marine Wildlife* (The Marine Task Force, English Nature, Northminster House, Peterborough PE1 1UA)

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
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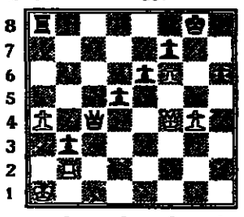
Lloyds Bank Masters

THE Lloyds Bank tournament, founded in 1977, is the strongest open in the capital. In 1987 there was a surprise winner in the American international master Michael Wilder, who beat a host of grandmasters.

White: John Nunn
Black: Michael Wilder
Lloyds Bank Masters 1987

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	Nc6
6	Bg5	e6
7	Qd2	a6
8	0-0-0	h6
9	Bf4	Bd7
10	Nxc6	Bxc6
11	Qe1	Be7
12	h4	Qc7
13	f3	b5
14	Kb1	b4
15	Ne2	0-0
16	Nd4	Bb7
17	Bd2	d5
18	e5	Nd7
19	f4	a5
20	Bb5	Ba6
21	Bxd7	Qxd7
22	g4	Bc5
23	Be3	Rfc8
24	Rh2	a4
25	b3	Bf8
26	f5	axb3
27	cxb3	Rc3
28	Rhd2	Bc5
29	f6	Qa7
30	Qf2	Rxb3+
31	Nxb3	Bxe3
32	Qg2	Bxd2
33	Qxd2	Bd3+
34	Ka1	Bc4
35	Rb1	Qc7
36	Qe3	gxf6
37	exf6	Qh2
38	Rb2	Qxh4
39	Qf4	Bxb3
40	Rxb3	Qe1+
41	Rb1	Qc3+
42	Rb2	b3
43	a4	Qc4



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White resigns

Most of the favourites in this year's tournament, including Michael Adams, Jon Speelman and John Nunn, won their first-round games. The surprises were Philip Rossiter, who defeated the Australian grandmaster Ian Rogers, and Gulnar Sachs, who drew with the former British champion Tony Miles. Mrs Sachs, the former women's champion of Kazakhstan, has married the English player John Sachs. She is the highest rated female player in Britain and a possible useful addition to the English team.

Reader's game

Times reader Mr S. Hawes (who beat me in a club game about 30 years ago) has submitted the following interesting encounter from his local club championship.

White: M. Gillings
Black: S. Hawes
Horsham Club Ch 1992

Philidor Defence

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	Nd7
4	Nc3	c6
5	a4	h5
6	a5	a6
7	Bc4	Ngf6
8	h3	Be7
9	Ba2	Nh7
10	Be3	Bf6
11	Qd3	Ng5
12	Nd2	exd4
13	Bxd4	Ne5
14	Qe2	Ne6
15	Bb6	Qe7
16	0-0	Nf4
17	Qe3	Bg5
18	Qe1	Nxh3+
19	Kh1	Bxd2
20	Qxd2	Qh4
21	f4	Nf2+
22	Kg1	Nh3+

White resigns

Chess at the Barbican

Barbican Chess Club meets every Monday and Thursday at 6pm. Events include the 9th Barbican Open Chess Congress, Sept 3-5; and the European Chess Club Cup Championship, Sept 17-19.

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Tories must confront a painful paradox

Lord Beloff argues that the burdens of office prevent Tory leaders from making the changes necessary to return them to favour

The Times Essay

By-election losses and a low standing in the polls have produced demands that the Conservative party should embark on a big process of self-renewal. Men and measures alike should, it is held, come up for scrutiny. The difficulty for a governing party to perform such a task may be underestimated. Self-examination is normally an activity of parties in opposition.

The long period spent in the wilderness by the Whigs was the prelude to the First Reform Act of 1832 and the subsequent decade of reform. The Liberal eclipse in the period of the Salisbury and Balfour governments was the prelude to the massive changes brought about after the party's triumph in 1906. On the Conservative side, Disraeli's conversion of the rump of protectionist squires after the Peelite split, over a period of nearly three decades, into the powerful instrument of government which he commanded from 1874, has evoked the admiration of generations of historians. Experience would suggest that it is the Labour party which should now, after 14 years in opposition, be charged with a new reforming zeal and living in the expectation of power.

What, then, are the obstacles to the Conservative party doing what is demanded of it? Whereas in opposition a party's leadership can enjoy the leisure to think, a party whose leaders are all ministers has no such opportunity. Ministers are bound to be concerned with the conduct of day-to-day business. The increasing frequency of inter-ministerial meetings at the international level — the dreadful Brussels shuttle — has added an additional burden which is too often overlooked.

Nor if ministers wished to look up from the in-tray and the boxes and examine wider horizons would they be able to do so. As made so clear in the *Alan Clark Diaries*, the "private office" makes it its business to keep the minister's attention on what the civil servants deem to be important, and to fill his time with engagements which prevent him making contacts with the non-Whitehall world which might engender original thought. Because of the curious British habit of regular ministerial "reshuffles", few ministers remain in a department long enough to exercise independent judgment.

The British case is also special in that two departments dominate the scene; and the influence of both has been negative. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has pursued a policy favourable to European integration which has no resonance among the majority of the electorate. The Treasury knows nothing and meddles in everything so that, for instance, our armed forces are subject to material and moral "overstretch" because of the intellectual understretch of some Treasury clerk.

Ministers cannot profit much from the activity of non-party institutions — "think-tanks". Think-tanks can be important in bringing about a change in broad public perceptions. The early Fabians, through their policy of "permeation", helped to make collectivism respectable. In their day the Institute of Economic Affairs and the Centre for Policy Studies undoubtedly helped to make collectivism unrespectable again. But think-tanks rarely flourish after the departure of the founding generation, and lack the access to information which the civil service can bring to bear.

The Conservative party must therefore now create its own instrument of enquiry and policy formation. The first thing to do is to remove the Conservative research department from Central Office and set it up on its own under a chairman whose standing in the party is unquestioned, and who can speak with ministers as an equal, and with a director of proved competence in the organisation of research. Central Office has quite enough to do with strengthening the party's organisation and finances and, above all, with improving the calibre of its candidates.

But before prescription there must be diagnosis. The immediate task of researchers would be to examine the reasons for the party's seeming plight.

Some things will no doubt at once strike the enquirers. Why has a Conservative government lost so much ground with institutions and professions which might be thought to be its natural supporters, and which not only form an important voting block in themselves but also are looked at for leadership in the wider community? Why is a Conservative Lord Chancellor at odds with much of the legal profession? Why have successive education secretaries found it impossible to carry with them the vice-chancellors, headmasters and teachers? Why has the medical profession been so hard to enlist in favour of the government's health reforms? Why have the armed forces lost confidence in successive defence secretaries? One presumes it is a conviction that their political masters will not stand up for them against the follies of the Treasury.

The objectives themselves are popular — all Conservatives (indeed most citizens) want speedier and cheaper justice, a better educated population, a more efficient health care system and reasonable economy in defence. What, then, has gone wrong?

Of even greater electoral significance is the disaffection of much of small and medium-sized business — including farmers and fishermen — and of those to whom they give employment. It is in relation to the small business that the Maastricht affair has done the most damage. The debate served to focus people's minds on the fact that the regulations under which business suffers, and the additional financial burdens of the common agricultural policy and the EC budget, were the products of the Treaty of Rome itself. The message has got through that it makes a real difference whether the laws one obeys are the product of one's own Parliament, and interpreted by one's own courts of law, or forced upon one by foreign institutions.

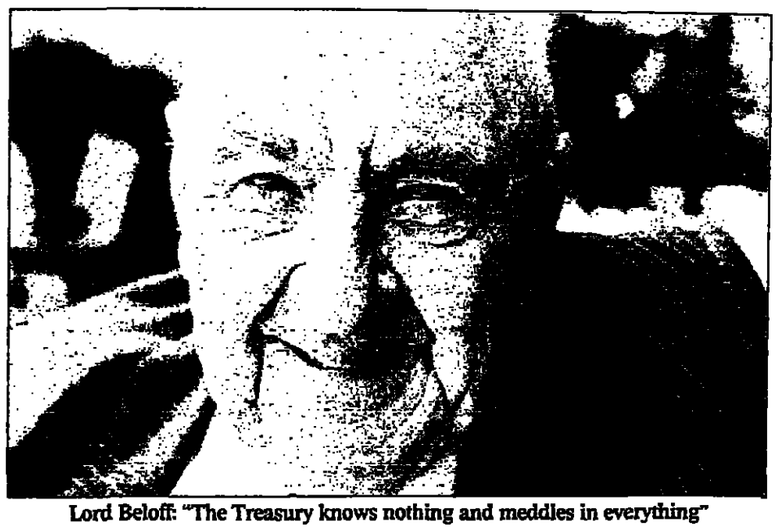
The enquiry will have to examine the painful paradox that while most Conservative MPs were prepared to vote for Maastricht, the minority of parliamentary dissidents represented a majority of potential Conservative voters. Of course, division is itself a weakness for any party, but such a gap between the party at Westminster and the party in the country is, on any principal issue of policy, unique in British experience.

For most of this century, the Conservative party has been seen to be the party of "business". But one has the impression that when the government quotes business support for policies such as those embodied in Maastricht what they are referring to are the panjandrums of the City and the Confederation of British Industry, whose outlook is quite different from that of those striving to make a living across the country at large.

Finally, and crucially, there is the question of the availability and cost of public services, which is perhaps where the ordinary voter is most concerned. It is worth looking into the whole idea that deficiencies can be met by the plethora of "charters" — if the services are not there, a charter does not help to produce them.

And where the provision of services itself is concerned, who but a Treasury economist would argue that a country with nearly three million unemployed and much underused capacity cannot, without risking inflation, afford to develop its infrastructure and to man its services? Why the economy has been so badly run is a question that takes one into deeper waters — but this enquiry must be undertaken if the party is to see its way through to success.

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Lord Beloff: "The Treasury knows nothing and meddles in everything"

PRIME MOVERS OF POLITICS

THE squabbling over board order would be endless, but if you could persuade them to stop talking and start playing, politicians would have a good team.

Andrew Bonar Law was easily the best player among British prime ministers. In its obituary, the *British Chess Magazine* described him as "an attacking player full of resource". The Marquess of Rockingham, Sir Robert Peel, the younger Pitt, Gladstone, Disraeli, Balfour, Asquith, Churchill and Attlee all played. Campbell-Bannerman called chess "not a game, but a disease". John Major was taught by his father.

Churchill is one of the great might-have-beens of chess. By the time he was 21 he was showing signs of addiction. Other distractions occupied him and he never fulfilled his early promise. The only later record we have is of a game with Asquith before which he gave vent to his battle cry: "Marshal your Baldwins!" (Churchillian slang for pawns).

Lenin, like Marx, was a keen player, but a bad loser. He did not play much after the Russian revolution, but was preoccupied with correspondence chess while in exile.

Tito learnt chess as a boy and rose to Yugoslav candidate master standard. When the Russians queried his prowess at chess, he offered to take on the whole Soviet presidium. Nothing further was heard.

For coolness under fire, a special mention for the former Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin. When Russian soldiers burst into his house to arrest him in 1940, he shouted back to his wife, with whom he was playing chess: "I resign! I resign!"

☐ Extracted from *The Even More Complete Chess Addict*, by Mike Fox and Richard James (Faber & Faber; £10.99)

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Doctor attests to 'end of Western civilisation' as Croats deny aid convoys access

Starving Muslims of Mostar face death within days

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
AND JOEL BRAND
IN SARAJEVO

■ The horror of Mostar has prompted fresh pleas by aid workers for international pressure on those laying siege to the city and heightened UN fears for the population

PEOPLE trapped in the Bosnian city of Mostar will begin dying of starvation within days because Bosnian Croat forces are preventing food convoys reaching 55,000 besieged Muslims, the United Nations said yesterday.

"This is the end of the world, the end of Western civilisation as you can see," said Dr Kenan Arnautovic, a neurosurgeon from Sarajevo who made a dangerous trip to Mostar on foot and by mule to help the makeshift hospital there. Bosnian Croat forces have laid siege to the city since the beginning of June and aid workers yesterday pleaded with the international community to press the Croats to let aid through.

The horror of Mostar emerged as President Izetbegovic of Bosnia said he would not endorse the proposed maps of the country offered in the Geneva peace talks. The leader of the Muslim-dominated government said in Sarajevo that an enlarged Bosnian parliament would meet to discuss the proposed map, probably in Zenica on Friday. In addition to the elected members, the meeting will include cultural figures, important politicians and religious leaders.

In Mostar a small contingent of UN peacekeepers was allowed to deliver medicines to a limited part of the city for three hours at the weekend. The convoy was greeted by cheers and premature tears of relief, but the visit served only to heighten UN alarm at the plight of the Muslims.

Lyndall Sachs, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said: "The population was so desperate that they were not even moved to ask for cigarettes or candy. They only begged for wheat flour. To use food as a weapon and make a civilian population suffer more than it is already suffering in war is beyond the bounds of human comprehension," she said in Sarajevo. "We must apply maximum pressure on Bosnian Croats to lift the siege, through negotiations and through intense international pressure."

The international community faces a dilemma, however, in any move to impose sanctions against Croatia and Bosnian Croat forces. Diplomats privately concede that moving any aid to Muslims is dependent on Croat co-operation. It would also be extremely difficult to blockade Croatia's lengthy coastline.

Croat forces have been fighting Muslim-led Bosnian government troops in the area in a last-ditch effort by both sides to grab land before any peace deal is signed in Geneva. Battles between the two sides raged in central and southern Bosnia yesterday, with the Bosnian army apparently moving reinforcements from the 7th Brigade into positions around Fojnica and to the area around Gornji Vakuf.

Shannon Boyd, chief UN Protective Force spokesman, who was with the Mostar convoy, said there was no electricity or water in the Muslim sector. The only water source was the Neretva river and "whenever people try to get water, they get sniped at".

Ms Boyd said the most pressing medical cases at the makeshift hospital in the Muslim area were a brother and sister, aged eight and nine, who were seriously wounded by a Croat shell. Selma and Mirza Handzar were heavily sedated in a makeshift intensive care unit. Selma's right arm had been amputated, she had serious head wounds and a badly damaged knee. Her brother risks losing a leg after several blood vessels were severed by shrapnel.

America has meanwhile indicated it is unlikely to press for air strikes against Serb forces in Bosnia in the near future. Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, wrote to Mr Izetbegovic and the Croat and Serb leaderships urging a negotiated solution to the civil war. The Muslims have tried to slow down the Geneva peace talks in the hope that Washington would lead the international community to intervene in the war. Mr Christopher promised American assistance in the postwar reconstruction of the republic.

Mr Izetbegovic made contradictory statements during an hour-long press conference on his return to the besieged capital from the Geneva peace talks. At times he suggested that the Geneva proposal was unacceptable, and at others he suggested that the government had been awarded a unified Bosnian state.

Misery of Mostar, page 1
Peter Riddell, page 12

BRITAIN is preparing a substantial new medical aid effort for Bosnia amid Liberal Democrat allegations that bureaucracy and administrative difficulties are preventing the delivery of urgently needed supplies to the war zone (Philip Webster writes).

Downing Street is awaiting assessments from the Overseas Development Administration on medical needs, but it is understood that teams of surgeons and nurses will go to besieged cities, including Sarajevo, in the next few weeks.



Cedric Thornberry, Unprofor deputy head, right, unloading medical aid from the first convoy in two months to reach the Muslims in Mostar

Endgame battle rages for shell of a town

Richard Beeston reports from Gornji Vakuf that Muslims and Croats are scrambling for a final advantage in territory before a carve-up of Bosnia

THE first mortar shell landed just short of its intended target, kicking up a ball of crimson dust as it pulverised what was left of a red-tiled roof, some 30ft from our car. The second round may have been better aimed, but the Croat mortar team on the other side of the valley had not anticipated our panicky acceleration into the relative safety of a line of trees.

Once a remote rural community of 25,000 Muslims and Croats, where the only sound of gunfire would have come from hunters in the woods, Gornji Vakuf today has been reduced to the shell of a town, where competing factions are gearing up for a final showdown.

The once busy main street is now deserted and littered with the debris of modern warfare from spent shell cases, to smashed masonry and the hulks of burnt-out cars caught in crossfire. Few, if any, homes have been left untouched by the three weeks of heavy fighting, some of them only lightly damaged by machinegun volleys, but most gutted by fire and in some cases deliberately razed to the ground.

Although media attention in the former Yugoslavia has recently focused on the plight of Sarajevo's sick and injured and the humanitarian crisis unfolding in the southern city of Mostar, Bosnia's generals and politicians have been concentrating their next moves in central Bosnia, where the endgame of the 16-month conflict could well be decided in Gornji Vakuf and other flashpoints in the area.

While Bosnian Serbs are generally thought to have seized and consolidated their hold on territory captured in the early months of the war, Muslims and Croats are now locked in a desperate grab for territory which will ultimately determine the size and shape of their mini-states to be settled when the Geneva peace talks resume on August 30.

"The Muslims have got seven days to gain as much ground as possible and they will almost certainly try something here," said a British peacekeeper serving in Gornji Vakuf, where the British base comes under almost daily fire, some of the fiercest reported this weekend.

Although the Muslims have consistently been the military underdogs in the Bosnian war, they have scored important gains recently in central Bosnia, most notably the capture of the town of Bugojno three weeks ago, and the encirclement of a pocket of 75,000 Croat civilians and refugees in and round Vitez.

The Muslims' victories have left them overstretched on several fronts where they face both Croats and Serbs, but in the current climate of the negotiations, where military victory is being rewarded by political gains, it is unlikely they can hold back.

What is of most concern to UN officers is the apparent redeployment over the weekend of the mainly Muslim Bosnian Army's Seventh Brigade, which was withdrawn from Travnik and, it is assumed, is being prepared for a new offensive farther south. The Croats in preparation have also beefed up their forces with artillery, tanks and even combat troops from the regular Croatian army.

The Croats are determined to hold what they have left in and around the town to protect the strategically important Makljen ridge, the heights which dominate both Muslim and Croat villages and towns for miles around.

The military planners on both sides appear to have neglected, however, the simple fact that there will be little left of the area for any victor once the battle is over.

Corruption claims force out Russian minister

FROM ANNE MCELVOY
IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S foreign trade minister resigned at the weekend as the corruption scandal in government ranks deepened.

Sergei Glazyev, one of the youngest members of President Yeltsin's reform team, claimed that his sudden removal from office was the result of a plot by criminal gangs and denied accusations that his own department was involved in corruption.

Allegations of corruption are now the most serious problem facing Mr Yeltsin. Recent weeks have seen a spiral of tit-for-tat claims between the government and Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president, Aleksi Ilyushenko, head of the presidential administration, admitted that Russia was in danger of turning into "a banana republic with coups, corruption and complete lack of co-operation between the branches of power". He hinted at further ministerial sackings.

The foreign trade portfolio which regulates Russian firms exporting oil and precious metals, two of the most profitable and corruption-prone areas of business, is proving a persistent headache for Mr Yeltsin. He sacked Mr Glazyev's predecessor, Pyotr Aven, earlier this year over similar rumours of corruption in the department. The country has lost millions of dollars from illegal exports of oil and metals below world prices.

Mr Glazyev claims that his dismissal was the result of pressure by "mafia bands who feel that their interests are threatened by the ministry's actions", implying that sections of the government are under the influence of criminals.

The corruption rumours are rapidly corroding public faith in the government, and even the special commission set up by Mr Yeltsin to investigate abuse of public office by senior figures is now widely considered as being employed by the presidential team as a mere political lever against its enemies.

Geneva accord rewards Bosnia's warmongers

BY ADAM LEBOR, EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT

The map of the Geneva peace plan for Bosnia, which Alija Izetbegovic, the Bosnian president, says he "cannot recommend" to his parliament at Zenica is a victory for "ethnic cleansing" and seizure of territory by force. It claws back virtually nothing from the Bosnian Serbs and, to a lesser extent, Bosnian Croats, both of whom have carved out their own mini-states with mass expulsion of Muslims.

The accords fairly accurately reflect the gains of 17 months of war — give or take a road here or a tract of land there — and bestow a seal of approval by the United Nations on seizure of territory by force.

The Geneva plan creates a Union of Republics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, of three ethnically based states: one Serb, one Muslim, and one Croat. The union is likely to be short-lived, since any state may leave with the approval of the other two.

The Bosnian Serbs get 52.5 per cent of territory, Croats 17.5 per cent and Muslims 30 per cent. This is a huge victory for Bosnian Serbs and their patron, President Milosevic of Serbia; a satisfactory result for Bosnian Croats; and, a miserable end for the Muslim-led Bosnian government and its dream of a unitary, multi-ethnic state.

However much the international community and Lord Owen, one of the joint chairmen of the peace talks now portraying himself as a defender of the Muslim cause, may deny it, the Geneva accords reward "ethnic cleansing".

The Bosnian Serbs get to keep a swath of northeast Bosnia, where some of the worst human rights abuses took place. But the dictates of diplomacy mean that Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader once reviled, is now almost revered as a statesman.

The carve-up also sends a signal to despots the world over that, should they wish to seize their neighbour's territory, directly or by proxy, the response of the international community will be as follows: condemnation, stronger condemnation, possible sanctions and then an invitation to Geneva to consolidate their gains.

In the case of Bosnia, the map of the Geneva accords reduces it to a jigsaw. The Muslim republic comprises three landlocked areas — the Bihac enclave, a wide strip of central Bosnia linked to Gorazde, and the linked enclaves of Zepa and Srebrenica. A corridor links Bihac to central Bosnia.

The details have an Alice in Wonderland quality: Srebrenica and Zepa will be linked to Sarajevo by a road that will be part of the Muslim republic, but the land on either side of the road will be Serbian. Muslims gained a small victory by insuring access to the Sava river at the town of Brcko. But the Muslim republic has no access to the sea. Instead, it will have the use of the port of Ploce in Croatia proper, giving President Tudjman of Croatia, a powerful hold over his Bosnian neighbour.

The final boundary between the Croatian and Muslim republics in central Bosnia will be decided by a UN special representative. Mostar, the capital of the Bosnian Croat mini-state of Herzeg-Bosna, will probably be administered by the European Community. Sarajevo will be demilitarised and administered by the UN for two years, while its future is decided.

Can the Geneva accords work? The answer depends on acceptance and enforcement. The Bosnian Serb and Croat assemblies will probably vote in favour. In Sarajevo the proposals will trigger deep divisions between hardliners, who want to fight on, and pragmatists, who know that each time the Bosnian government appears at the negotiating table they are offered less and less.

After acceptance, comes enforcement: about 40,000 more UN troops would be needed to police the peace. So far the international community, apart from Britain, has not paid the bill for current peace operations. Without the extra troops, the Geneva accords will go the way of all the other plans and the war in Bosnia will be set to erupt again.





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Gore crusade to cut government waste runs into trouble

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ Specifications for an ashtray in federal offices — it should not break into more than 35 pieces — have raised laughs on Capitol Hill but added to White House headaches

PRESIDENT Clinton, on holiday at Martha's Vineyard off the coast of Massachusetts, is trying hard to prove that he can relax after all, demonstrably playing golf and visiting an agricultural exhibition with his daughter, Chelsea. But the political realities of Washington are intruding.

Questions about his leadership style, and the messy issues of health care reform and the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta), are weighing heavily on the president's mind.

One of the first issues he needs to tackle is the much-hyped initiative of "reinventing government", a cost-cutting initiative championed by Al Gore, the vice-president, which is in danger of turning into a damp squib. Saving significant money on the waste of the federal government — while popular with the electorate as long as they do not benefit themselves from the waste — was also one of the promises the president made to reluctant congressmen and senators in return for their support last month for his budget.

The so-called National Performance Review, due for release next month, is supposed to come up with a recommendation that could lead to savings of between $6 billion (£4 billion) and $8 billion, but at this stage only optimists would hold out much hope.

In a jocular account of the extent of government waste, the vice-president talked about some outlandish regulations affecting the quality of ashtrays sold to the federal government. This is reminiscent of the scandal surrounding $800 toilet seats sold to the US military during the 1980s.

Mr Gore said that an ashtray is only fit for the government if, once put on a maple plank 44.5 mm thick and hit with a steel punch "point ground to a 60 per cent included angle", it breaks into no more than 35 irregular-shaped pieces. The regulations even specify the nature of the pieces, which must be "6.4 mm or more, on any three of its adjacent edges". Many other aspect of government procurement and of government personnel management seem unduly regulated. There also appears to be massive overspending on computers.

Savings on ridiculously specified ashtrays may prove possible. But the general issue of reinventing government is not as straightforward as it may appear. The political difficulty with reinventing government as a means of saving substantial amounts of money — in this case billions of dollars — is that it involves not merely spending less money, but also means cutting subsidies, and most importantly cutting federal jobs, (including, presumably, that of the ashtray safety inspector).

Furthermore, there appears to be resistance within the Democratic Party to some of the likely proposals, and the president can ill afford to lose supporters when he is trying to push through other issues such as health care reform and Nafta.

The irony is that each of the president's big-ticket items for this autumn is generally recognised as important in its own right. Many, especially health care reform and reduction in government waste, enjoy widespread public support. Yet each contains the potential for conflict and controversy, and there is a fear in Washington that Congress will not be able or willing to pass the entire "Clinton agenda" in one autumn.

Having just survived the budget vote, which could have shattered his presidency, Mr Clinton is now faced with an unusually heavy agenda, which many congressional observers consider too ambitious. Mr Clinton is keen to push Nafta through Congress. Nafta is popular among the majority of Republicans but only a minority of Democrats. Opposition is particularly strong among congressional Democrats, led by Richard Gephardt, the House majority leader, who denounced the recently concluded side agreements with Canada and Mexico.

Something will have to give. It may be Nafta, as the free trade supporters fear, or it may be Mr Gore's proposals to reform government. It will certainly not be health care.

New York: Robert Dole, the Senate minority leader, said yesterday he was seriously considering to run for the presidency in 1996 and that a Republican surge in 1994 could well prompt him to seek his party's nomination. "I think it's an option. It could be a viable option," he said on television. "If we pick up strength in the Congress it may indicate that '96 might be a good time to run." *(Reuter)*



The leader of the left-wing guerrillas holding a press conference in the captured headquarters of the conservative National Opposition Union party in Managua

Nicaragua rebels seize reporters in hostage stand-off

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

LEFT-WING gunmen holding hostage Nicaragua's vice-president and a score of other political leaders yesterday seized a group of journalists covering the stand-off.

Radio Ya said its reporter, who had been allowed to transmit from inside the building where the hostages were being held, had been taken prisoner with at least seven other Nicaraguan journalists. "They are no longer there as journalists, they are there as hostages," the radio said.

The journalists included a photographer working for *The Washington Post* and reporters from the local newspaper *Barricada* and local television channel Extravision. The leader of the gunmen, identifying himself as "Commando 31", moments earlier said in a broadcast from inside the captured headquarters of the conservative National Opposition Union party (UNO) that his group had hardened its demands.

"The party is over, this is not a picnic," he said. "We are going to harden our positions." The gunmen, sympathisers of the former ruling Sandinista party, took hostage Virgilio Godoy, the vice-president, and other party leaders on Friday night in response to an earlier kidnapping of government officials and Sandinista politicians by a right-wing guerrilla group.

Hostages had been taken to rooms with no water or light, Radio Ya's reporter said before going off the air. Journalists inside the building could only use telephones or transmit when the gunmen allowed them to do so, he said.

Witnesses said several gunmen briefly patrolled the surrounding area. "I don't want to see anybody round here," one gunman shouted, demanding that police stay 180 yards from the building.

Near the remote northern mountain village of Quilali, 150 miles north of the capital, the group of former Contra guerrillas was still holding some 40 people including several Sandinista politicians. A joint commission of government, Sandinista and UNO politicians and Sergio Caramagna of Argentina, the representative of the Organisation of American States was due to meet the Contra leader early yesterday to discuss the possible release of hostages.

"Commando 31" said on Saturday, after releasing 14 of his approximately 35 hostages, that no more would be let go until the Contra group also freed some of its prisoners. But press reports quoted José Angel Talavera, the Contra leader also known as El Chacal (The Jackal), as saying he would not negotiate.

The incidents have highlighted the still bitter divisions in Nicaragua. The former Sandinista government and US-backed Contra rebels fought an eight-year civil war which ended in 1990 after 30,000 people were killed.

The Contra leader is demanding that President Chamorro sack army chief General Humberto Ortega, brother of Daniel Ortega, the former Sandinista president.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Malaria afflicts Teresa

Delhi: Doctors treating Mother Teresa, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, for malaria in the intensive-care unit at Delhi's All India Institute for Medical Sciences said last night that she was "acutely breathless" (Christopher Thomas writes).

Mother Teresa, who turns 83 on Friday, was admitted last week with a high temperature. A spokesman said that she had developed breathing problems, which kept recurring.

The spokesman added that the problem was caused by her "underlying and long-standing heart disease".

Tourists held

Ankara: Kurdish rebels have struck another blow at Turkey's tourism industry by kidnapping an Italian and three Swiss holidaymakers, bringing to 27 the number of tourists seized since 1991. *(Reuter)*

Inmates killed

Kigali: Prisoners beat to death 13 inmates who had threatened to take over their jail in Butare, southern Rwanda, a government source said. One seriously injured prisoner was taken to hospital. *(Reuter)*

Talks halted

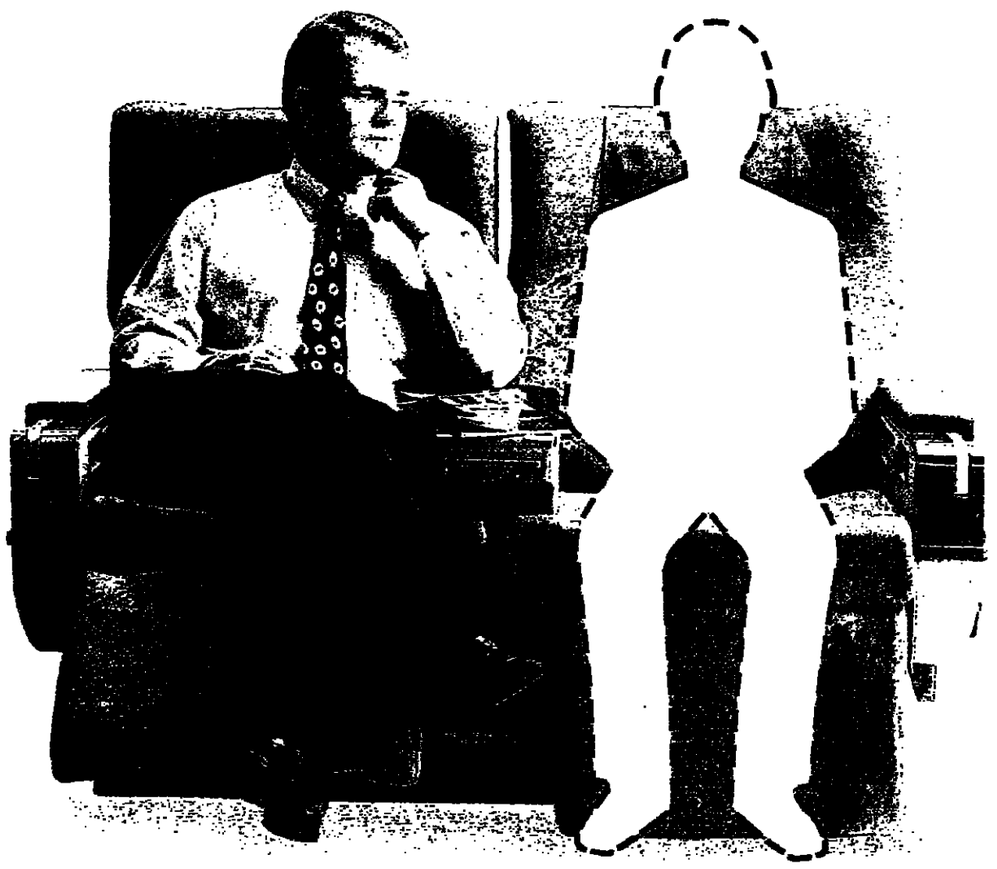
Moscow: Russia said it had broken off talks on withdrawing its remaining troops from Lithuania, warning Vilnius that it would act "swiftly and decisively" if they suffered any intimidation. *(Reuter)*

Entry granted

Jerusalem: John Demjanjuk has been assured of US entry papers once the Israeli supreme court that acquitted him of being Nazi killer "Ivan the Terrible" lets him leave, his lawyer said. *(Reuter)*

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Police book Rodney King again

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

RODNEY King's entanglement with the law entered yet another phase at the weekend when he was arrested for drunk driving — his fourth arrest since the infamous videotaped beating he received at the hands of four white police officers who stopped him for speeding in March 1991.

Mr King, 28, was driving in Los Angeles in the early hours of the morning when he crashed his car into a wall near the aptly named Grand Slam, a nightclub owned by the rock musician Prince.

No other vehicles were involved, and neither Mr King nor his two passengers were hurt. The black motorist, whose beating by officers of the Los Angeles Police Department led to two trials and the worst riots in America this century, was taken to police headquarters where he is a regular, if unpopular, visitor.

After tests for alcohol in the blood, Mr King was booked on a misdemeanour and released without bail. He must appear in court on September 15, while the Los Angeles attorney's office decides whether to press charges.

Washington frees Kennedy files

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

ABOUT 90,000 pages on the assassination of John F. Kennedy are to be released by the Clinton administration today. By doing so it hopes to put paid to the many conspiracy theories surrounding the death of the former president.

The documents are not likely to produce a "smoking gun" since previous investigating commissions all had access to them. Because of the sheer scale of the information involved, however, the documents may contain some previously undiscovered information about whether Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's killer, had links to CIA agents.

In addition to the CIA files, the National Archives will release several thousand other documents, including those from the Warren Commission, which concluded in 1964 that Oswald acted alone.

A new investigative book on Kennedy's assassination is also being published this week, which supports the Warren Commission's view. The investigation, one of the most comprehensive private enquiries launched on this issue, makes use of advanced computer techniques, such as computer simulation of an amateur film that showed the assassination.

Gerald Posner, the author, claims to be able to prove that three bullets, rather than four, were fired at the president, and that they all came from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository. Posner's book, *Case Closed: Lee Harvey Oswald and the Assassination of JFK*, also supports the single-bullet theory, which holds that Kennedy and John Connally, the former Texas governor, were hit by one bullet.

Posner claims to provide "incontrovertible medical, ballistic and scientific evidence" that Oswald's second shot was the single bullet. The author, who had previously investigated the whereabouts of Josef Mengele, the Nazi concentration camp doctor, also attempts to disprove the notion that Oswald had links with the American government, or that he was a KGB agent.

Marina Oswald Porter, 52, Oswald's widow appealed to those attending a conference on the assassination in Sudbury, Ontario, on Saturday to keep questioning the case. She said she still did not believe that Oswald was the assassin.

Conflict over abortion turns vicious

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

WITH her large spectacles and sensible shoes, Rachelle Renae Shannon, 37, does not look like a fanatical anti-abortion campaigner. But today the Oregon housewife and mother of two teenagers will appear in a Kansas court charged with attempting to murder an abortion doctor in Wichita.

Dr George Tiller, one of the relatively small number of American doctors prepared to carry out late-term abortions, was shot and wounded in both arms as he drove away from his clinic last Thursday. Mrs Shannon walked up to his car, according to witnesses, and fired through the window with a .32-calibre pistol. She was arrested at the airport in Oklahoma City later that day as she returned a rented car and prepared to fly home to Oregon.

The shooting of Dr Tiller, who was not seriously injured, is the latest in a wave of attacks by anti-abortionists. Janet Reno, the attorney-general, has called for a clampdown on violent protesters, and a bill is pending in Congress which would make obstruction of clinic entrances a federal crime. The Supreme Court will decide soon whether the Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organisations Act, used against the Mafia, can also be used to investigate anti-abortion groups. While most anti-abortion groups in the US publicly condemn violence, a growing minority is prepared to use terror tactics. A Roman Catholic priest in Alabama recently described the murder of abortion doctors as "justifiable homicide", and one anti-abortion group in Oregon, of which Mrs Shannon is a member, defended Thursday's attack as "a courageous act".



Janet Reno, who has demanded a clampdown on protest violence

Mrs Shannon wrote fan letters to Michael Griffin, a Florida man accused of killing an abortion doctor last March. Mr Griffin will be tried for the murder of Dr David Gunn, who was shot outside his Pensacola clinic. If convicted, Mr Griffin could be sentenced to death. "You did the right thing," Mrs Shannon wrote in one of 25 letters she sent to Mr Griffin in prison.

When she appeared briefly in an Oklahoma court last week, clutching a small Bible and plainly terrified, Mrs Shannon could hardly have appeared less like a terrorist. In some ways she is typical of the most radical wing of the anti-abortion campaign: middle-class, deeply devout, a mother and wife, kind to neighbours and strangers, yet bearing an obsessive hatred of those who perform abortions.

Mrs Shannon has a long history of anti-abortion activity and spent much of her spare time editing an anti-abortion newsletter. Her family is used to her leaving home to travel to rallies and demonstrations around the country.

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Warning as diphtheria, cholera, malaria and tuberculosis claim more victims

Britons on holiday face growing risk of disease

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

BRITISH tourists and business people were warned yesterday of the risk of contracting serious diseases by ignoring medical advice, refusing vaccinations or abandoning drugs before they have completed the course.

The World Health Organisation is so concerned about the sudden resurgence of tuberculosis, cholera and a drug-resistant strain of malaria that it is urging tourists to take seriously the hazards of disease abroad.

It says tuberculosis has made a "powerful comeback" and is now "humanity's greatest killer". Cholera is sweeping much of sub-Saharan Africa and is officially classed as an epidemic, and diptheria poses a serious problem in Moscow, St Petersburg and Ukraine.

A spokesman said: "Whether travellers are on a business trip or are taking a holiday, they should visit recognised travel clinics and learn how to avoid disease. It is also important that they know how to treat symptoms should they occur and are able to take preventive medication."

Studies show more than half of all patients treated for malaria in Britain contracted it abroad after failing to take their tablets properly or abandoning them completely.

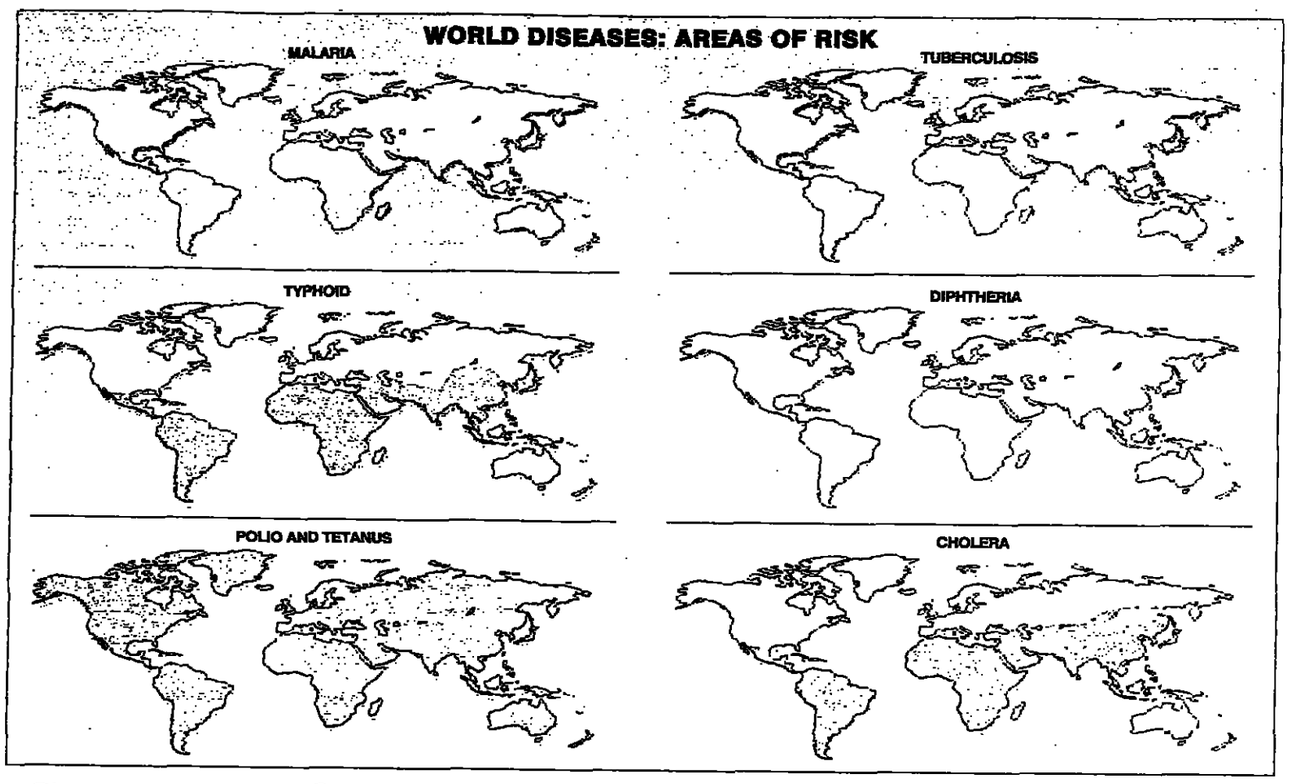
Last year 127 people died from diphtheria in Russia and Ukraine, and 2,828 new cases were reported in the first five months of this year. Cases of diphtheria contracted in Russia and Ukraine by foreign travellers have been diagnosed recently in Norway, Poland, Estonia and Finland.

Supplies of diphtheria booster ran out in Britain almost two months ago after travellers to Russia inundated clinics with requests for vaccinations. The only dose now available is the one used for infants, and it is unsuitable for adults because it may cause a reaction if they have already come into contact with the disease.

A spokesman for Regents Laboratories, London, the sole British distributor of the adult vaccine, said: "The unprecedented demand has meant we have gone through two years' stock in one month. New supplies will not be ready until October. People panicked when they heard there was an outbreak."

By far the biggest problem on a global scale is tuberculosis. More than eight million people contract TB every year, and three million of those will die. Another of the world's main killers is malaria — a million people die and 100 million suffer from it every year. Last year 12 people in Britain died of malaria and the Hospital for Tropical Diseases treated 400 cases.

A spokesman for WHO said: "The major problem for Western tourists is complacency. It may feel safe to eat and sleep within the confines of a five-star hotel, but once you step outside you have all the hazards of the country to contend with. Malaria can strike a year after the tourist returns to Britain."



Spectre of pestilence stirs forgotten fears

BY PETER TAYLOR

THE wave of diseases sweeping Russia, which last week claimed its first Western victim when a Belgian tourist died of diphtheria, is raising fears that the scourges which ravaged mankind in the Middle Ages may be on the march again.

The Russian authorities have reported outbreaks of typhoid and cholera, and in the neighbouring state of Kazakhstan there has even been a case of bubonic plague — the "Black Death". Almost 200 people, including 65 children, have been taken to hospital with typhoid in Volgodonsk, in southern Russia.

Thomson Holidays recently cancelled package holidays to Moscow and St Petersburg because of the outbreaks, but as Western tourists and backpackers go further afield in increasingly large numbers, other destinations may come under scrutiny. A new strain of cholera is reported to have spread from the Indian subcontinent to Thailand, and the disease is already rampant in Kabul.

The spectre of disease touches our most atavistic feelings. Biblical plagues were often equated with divine punishment, but equally apocalyptic visions were conjured up by thinkers such as the Rev Thomas Malthus, who argued that disease was an essential check on overpopulation. Despite advances in research, the study of how diseases spread has few certain conclusions. Epidemics usually occur either when a new strain defeats existing immune systems, or when a disease which is endemic (present in the community all the time at stable levels) spreads because other factors make it more easily transmittable.

"There is a sort of Darwinian angle to it," says Dr John Innes, a leading specialist in infectious diseases at Birmingham's Heartlands Hospital. "In influenza, for example, mutations to the organism occur spontaneously and alter the receptiveness of the strain to the kind of antibody protection that the population at large has developed by its exposure to previous strains."

But diseases that are not particularly virulent can also reach epidemic proportions if circumstances are ripe for their transmission. The most obvious example is after a civil catastrophe — perhaps a war, earthquake or flood — when water supplies and sanitation have been degraded. In many Third World countries water quality may be poor because of a general deterioration in the infrastructure, and where food shortage or famine is prevalent resistance to all forms of disease is much reduced. Epidemics can also result from a change in people's habits. The epidemic of diphtheria in Russia may in part be due to a reluctance to immunisation. In circumstances where properly sterlised equipment is in short supply, people fear that dirty needles might infect them with some other communicable disease such as HIV. An immunisation campaign is now being vigorously pursued.

Generally speaking, epidemics are infectious from person to person — perhaps through inhaling infected air, or through physical contact — but they can spread by other means. In tropical areas insects are common spreaders of disease (malaria being the best-known example). Other diseases appear to have a seasonal cycle still not fully understood. In the northern hemisphere, scarlet fever tends to be an autumnal complaint, whereas whooping cough is more likely to break out in the spring. But international travel is perhaps the most obvious factor in converting an epidemic into a global "pandemic".

Vaccines rushed to Moscow

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

WESTERN medical centres catering for foreigners in Moscow stayed open all through the weekend to cope with requests for immunisation after the death from diphtheria of a Belgian tourist in Moscow last week, and fresh supplies of vaccines have had to be ordered.

Diphtheria is now the most widespread infectious fatal disease in Russia and Ukraine. In Russia, more than 4,000 cases have been reported this year, as many as in the whole of 1992. At least 106 people have died. About 1,500 have caught diphtheria in Ukraine and 43 have died.

Diphtheria is most dangerous to old people, young children and those whose resistance to disease has been weakened by poor food — much of the Russian population, in short. Anne Petit, the Belgian who died, was 62; a third of this year's deaths have been among infants.

Western doctors here are emphasising that young, well-fed Western tourists are in much less danger. It has also been pointed out that, in spite of the steep deterioration in recent years, the health situation in Russia remains considerably better than in regular Third World tourist destinations.

Doctors here have therefore described the response of Thomson Holidays in stopping its trips to Russia as exaggerated. But they emphasise the need for tourists to arrange immunisation for diphtheria and other diseases, as well as having booster shots if necessary, before leaving home.

One thing everyone is agreed on is that Russian hospitals are to be avoided. Declining funds and filthy conditions make some of them major transmission points for disease.

Mubarak keeps militants at bay with tough sentences

BY MICHAEL BINYON IN CAIRO

■ The Egyptian president's economic successes may not be enough to stem the tide of Islamic fundamentalism, now the only opposition force with a consistent ideology

A MILITARY court sentenced four Islamic militants to death over the weekend, bringing the number condemned to die to 25 since December. The court also sentenced two of the 32 defendants to life imprisonment, acquitted eight and jailed a further 18 for between two and 15 years for attempted murder, armed robbery and plotting to overthrow the government.

The tough sentences, the latest in a series of trials of militants accused of belonging to outlawed fundamentalist groups, were widely applauded here and have stirred little public emotion. "Let them all hang," one student said.

But as government officials leave Cairo en masse for the summer holidays, the question politicians, diplomats and investors are asking is whether the government will be able to keep the lid on sporadic outbreaks of violence, or whether they are symptomatic of a deeper malaise that could lead to a fundamental shift in Egyptian politics and the toppling of President Mubarak.

Pessimists, including left-wing press commentators and intellectuals who miss the heady days of Nasserism, liken the situation to that in Algeria and warn of an inevitable escalation. "The regime has lost all legitimacy. There is widespread corruption. The opposition does not have any legitimate means to take over," said Hussein Amin, Egypt's ambassador to Algeria from 1987 to 1990 and now a leading dissident.

The comparison to Algeria came as Muslim fundamentalist gunmen shot dead Kasdi Merbah, the former Algerian prime minister, his son and brother after ambushing their car outside Algiers on Saturday night. Mr Merbah, 55, is the first Algerian opposition leader to be assassinated by the gunmen in their campaign against the state.

Mr Amin said that the emasculation of the legal opposition, already weakened by the collapse of socialism in Eastern Europe, had left the Islamic fundamentalists as the only people with a consistent ideology. Popular grumbling found no outlet. President Mubarak, in power for 12 years and accused of being out of touch, ran a government of opportunists who lived only from day to day, Mr Amin said. "As in the days of Caesar Augustus, we are ruled from afar — this time from Washington. Much as I hate foreign pressure, I only hope the Americans point out the need for radical change. We need new faces, people of integrity, in the government" — something he thought unlikely from a president who is noted for caution and muddling through.


Merbah: assassinated in Algerian ambush

Such apocalyptic fears are rejected by government supporters, most foreign diplomats and international economists who point out that, after price reforms and policies approved by the International Monetary Fund, Egypt's economy is stronger than it has been for years.

"It is wrong to link terrorism with economic hardship," said Mamduh Beltagui, a government spokesman. "There is a challenge, yes. But I do not believe it is as violent as the confrontations after the assassination of Sadat. We rely on the revulsion of our people from terrorism. But the government must also respond with a comprehensive policy — job creation, infrastructure projects, aid to the poorest districts."

Some politicians insist it would be better to legalise the fundamentalists to reveal their lack of realistic alternative policies and reduce their influence, as has happened in Jordan. But both the government and Mr Mubarak's critics say that fanatics who insist they are guided only by God have no time for democracy.

In Beirut, Shafiq al-Hoot, the Palestine Liberation Organisation's veteran representative to Lebanon, announced that he was withdrawing from its executive committee, saying the organisation was being wrecked by problems over leadership, peace talks and finance. Mr al-Hoot, 61, appealed for an urgent meeting of the Palestinian parliament-in-exile to stop the rot and rebuild confidence amid growing differences with Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman.

☐ **Jerusalem:** An Israeli security guard was found shot dead in the occupied West Bank, apparently killed by Palestinians. *(Reuter)*

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Mogadishu missiles menace UN

FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU

MILITIAMEN in Mogadishu yesterday threatened to attack United Nations military aircraft with newly acquired surface-to-air missiles after the UN closed the international airport to civilian traffic.

Ali Hassan Osman, a close aide to Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the fugitive warlord, confirmed UN intelligence reports that the Somali National Alliance had received sophisticated shoulder-launched missiles similar to the American-made Stinger.

"We have a number of anti-aircraft weapons, including some new arrivals, which we are prepared to use against legitimate military targets. There has never been any suggestion that we should shoot down civilian aircraft," Mr Osman said.

UN forces in Mogadishu may be forced to change their methods of search for General Aidid, who has been blamed for ordering the massacre of 24 Pakistani troops in June. Until now the UN has conducted most of its surveillance from American helicopters.

"We could bring down a helicopter tomorrow morning," said Mr Osman.

Six American soldiers were slightly injured when they drove over a remote-controlled mine close to the port in the Somali capital. The mine attack was the third in less than three weeks. The first killed four US soldiers.


A German UN convoy arriving in Belet Huen, Somalia, with humanitarian aid and supplies for about 1,700 German troops stationed there

Ten killed at prayer meeting

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

AT LEAST ten people were shot dead and 21 injured when gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons on blacks who had gathered for a prayer meeting outside a migrant workers' hostel near Germiston, east of Johannesburg, yesterday.

The massacre was almost identical to the attack on white worshippers in a church in Cape Town last month in which 11 people died and more than 50 were wounded.

Police were uncertain whether the assault on the hostel adjoining a metal foundry was an attack on the company's workers or part of the wider violence in the east Witwatersrand.

Yesterday several hundred supporters of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, armed with spears and clubs, took to the streets as a funeral was held for a slain comrade.

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader and chief minister of the KwaZulu homeland, has declared for the first time that he will boycott April's all-race election for a constituent assembly that will complete the country's new constitution. Tomorrow the Pretoria Supreme Court will begin hearing an application by the KwaZulu government for the April 27 date, agreed by the multi-party negotiating council on the basis of "sufficient consensus", to be declared null and void.

Cult thrives as Deng turns 89

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR, IN HONG KONG

CHINA'S senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, was 89 yesterday and the cult of personality is gathering pace. Although the party's newspaper, the *People's Daily*, neglected to mention the patriarch's birthday, it did tell readers that 56 books have been published on the great man, including 15 million copies printed by the army's publishing houses.

Much publicity has also been given to the first volume of a two-part biography of Mr Deng by his 43-year-old daughter, Rong. Like the rapidly burgeoning cult, such a book about a living leader is theoretically taboo in China, where the deification of Mao Tse-tung is branded a sign of the "great tragedy" that overtook the chairman in his last years. The cult presents Mr Deng as simultaneously the supreme source of political power and wisdom, and a person of simplicity, playing bridge with cronies, enjoying his grandchildren, presiding over family meals and hoping, his daughter writes, that he can be "just an ordinary person".

His parlous health is never mentioned: it is invariably described as excellent, although reports of every kind of ailment regularly emerge.

His words are constantly invoked. Tycoons here insist that China cannot turn back from his economic reforms because his influence is so great it will continue after his death. But there was a ripple of alarm during the past few weeks in Hong Kong when mainland spokesmen began recalling Mr Deng's threat to Margaret Thatcher in 1982 to intervene if the British failed to co-operate.

However, the colony's attention yesterday shifted to the *Sunday Morning Post*, which claimed that senior banking officials in China had embezzled $28 billion (£18.5 billion). Since China's foreign reserves are $19.8 billion, the alleged theft is unquestionably the largest in history.

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Marx comes in last at the philosophy Olympics

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PHILOSOPHERS from all parts of the globe are congregating in Moscow for the World Congress of Philosophy, nicknamed the "Olympics of the mind" by the cognoscenti. This is the first time the event has been held in the former Eastern bloc.

A thousand philosophers are attending, with participants from Oxford and Harvard rubbing shoulders with colleagues from Ukraine and as far as Argentina and China. The congress, which has run since 1900 except during the two world wars, is being held in the former social sciences academy of the Soviet central committee in southwest Moscow, an area notable for its endless tower blocks and now afflicted by poverty and street crime.

Nobody could accuse the guests of failing to encounter the hotly debated "real world". To reach their hall they have to stumble across wasteland, past street hawkers and step over prostrate beggars. Mindful of the legendary absent-mindedness of great thinkers, the official programme instructs them not to stroll too slowly across Moscow's busy highways.

Russia's philosophical establishment appears to be oblivious to the giddying changes around it. The congress's master of ceremonies is Ivan Frolov, a hybrid academician-functionary who once edited *Pravda*, the Communist party newspaper.

Registration took place under the brooding glare of an outsize Lenin statue, but in stark contrast to philosophical gatherings in Soviet days Marxism-Leninism receives scant attention this time. The Society for the Philosophical Study of Marxism is represented and there will be one debate on "Prospects for a Democratic Socialism", for which two Canadians, one American but no philosopher from the former Soviet Union have registered.

Lenin exiled many Russian philosophers on the advice of Felix Dzerzhinsky, head of his state security service, who deemed them a destabilising element in the aftermath of the revolution. After the Khrushchev thaw they were no longer hounded but were still required to pay lip service to the incontrovertibility of communism if they wished to hold down teaching jobs and were starved of the opportunity to follow international debate by bans on travel and the import of books and journals.

Thirty-six separate subjects are to be explored, ranging from straight epistemology and logic to Japanese materialism. The prize for the least inviting event is hotly contested, but must go to "Aristotle's Theory of Contrariety and Modern Dialectics: Inconsistency, Paraconsistency and Dialectical Consistency".

The proceedings are conducted in five languages, briefly turning the venue into a Tower of Babel in which all thoughts, theories and whims can be expressed, always providing that the notoriously fragile Russian interpreting service does not collapse under the strain.

Some of the 600 philosophers from the Commonwealth of Independent States were dismayed to find their pet subjects of little interest to the outside world. One provincial academic was disappointed to learn that his work on Zoroastrianism, the mystical religion which enjoyed popularity in Central Asia in the early Middle Ages, did not merit a colloquium to itself.

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Mole and a child of our time

CONTINUING SUE TOWNSEND'S COMIC TALE

Our hero denies any paternal interest in Sharon Bott's offspring, and discovers himself outrageously caricatured by a childhood enemy as the deeply boring Aiden Vole

Saturday January 19th
My mother rang to ask me if I had heard my old enemy Barry Kent on *Stop the Week* this morning. Apparently, Kent was publicising his first novel, *Dork's Diary*. I am now utterly convinced there cannot be a God. It was me that encouraged Kent to write poetry, and now I find out that the ex-skinhead, frozen peabrain has written a novel, *and got it published!*

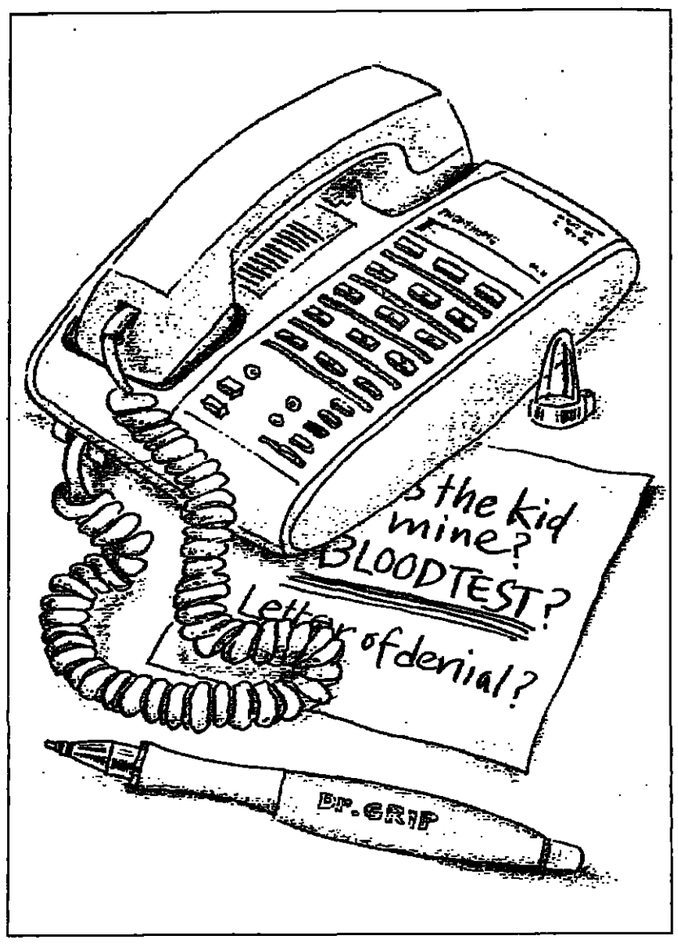
Sunday January 20th
At Waterstone's bookshop copies of *Dork's Diary* filled the window. I'm not ashamed to say that the curses sprang from my lips. As I flicked through the pages of the slim volume, my eye was caught by the name — "Aiden Vole" — given to one of the characters. This "Aiden Vole" is obsessed with matters anal. He is jingoistic, deeply conservative and a failure with women. "Aiden Vole" is an outrageous caricature of me.

Monday January 21st
Just listened to Kent on *Start the Week* on my portable radio. He has certainly extended his vocabulary. Melvyn Bragg said that the Aiden Vole character was "wonderfully funny" and asked if he was based on anybody real. Kent laughed and said, "You're a writer, Melv; you know what it's like. Vole is an amalgam of fact and fantasy. Vole stands for everything I hate most in this country, after the new five-pence piece, that is." The other guests laughed like drains.

Saturday June 1st
A letter from Sharon Bott.
Dear Adrian,
I hope you are well long time no see. I saw your mum in town and we had a talk she said how much Glenn looked like you I said yes and she said is he our Adrian's Sharon I must know she just came out with it like that I didn't know what to say I have got to confess I was seeing someone else at the time as I was seeing you I din't want to double time you Adrian but you was sometimes moody and I wanted some laffs I was only young. Glenn is going to school now and is a big boy.
My mum says you should pay some money but I said no mum it would not be fair cause I dont no if Glenn is Adrians or not Your mum gave me this address to write to you. I have not got a bloke now sinse Daryl run off with the video and £35 I had saved for the gas I have put a bit of wait on but I am going to go to Waitwatchers and get it off You mum said she would babysit she is so good to me.
Cheers,
Sharon

Sunday June 2nd
I spoke to my mother this morning and ordered her to keep her nose out of my affairs. She said, "Glenn is the *result* of one of your affairs" and put the phone down.
I was enraged by my mother's interference. How dare *she* pontificate about *anybody's* morals? I know for a fact that she was not a virgin on her wedding night. Grandma told me.
Memo to self: Is the kid mine? Blood test? Letter of denial?

Saturday June 8th
Wrote to Sharon:
Dear Sharon,
How very nice to hear from you after all this time.
I'm afraid that there is no chance at all that I can be the father of your child, Glenn.
I have recently had my sperm counted and I was informed by the Consultant Spermatologist that my sperms are too weak to transform themselves into a child. This is a personal tragedy to me, as



I had planned on having at least six children. You mention in your letter that you were double-timing me. I was most upset to read this — our relationship was not ideal, I know; we came from different backgrounds: me: upper-working/lower middle; you: lower working/underclass. And, of course, our educational attainments are worlds apart, not to mention our cultural interests. But despite these differences, I had thought that we rubbed along quite well sexually. I see absolutely no reason why you should have betrayed me and sought out another sexual partner. I confess that I am devastated by your revelation.
Anyway, Sharon, it was very nice to hear from you.
Regards,
Adrian
P.S. Who were you double-timing me with? Not that it matters, of course. I have had a constant stream of lovers since our relationship ended. It is simple curiosity on my part. But I would like to know the youth's name, though it is not in the least important. Don't feel obliged to let me know. I just think it may help you to get it off your chest. Guilt can eat away at you, can't it? So would you please write to me and let me know the youth's name. I think you would feel better yourself.

Thursday August 1st
Dear Adrian,
I was sorry to read about your poor cwallity seed the person I was seeing on the side was barry kent I feel better now it is off my chest.
Yours sincerely,
Sharon
Barry Kent! I should have known! He is an amoral, talentless turd! He is lower than a cesspit. He deserves to burn in everlasting hell with a catherine wheel tied to his cheating penis.

Friday August 2nd
Dear Sharon,
Many thanks for your commiserations regarding my 'seed', as you put it. May I suggest that you get in touch with Barry Kent (who, as you know, is now both *rich* and famous) and ask him to contribute to Glenn's upbringing? The least Kent can do is to send Glenn to a private school, thus giving his child an excellent start.
I remain, Yours,
Adrian
P.S. I am absolutely sure that Barry will be thrilled to hear that he has a child.
P.P.S. Eton is quite a good private public school.

Friday August 9th
Adrian,
What are you playing at, getting Sharon Bott to write to me and ask for money to send her sprog to Eton? I'm down here at Jeanette Winterson's place, trying to finish my second novel and I can do without all this rubbish.
Baz

Monday October 7th
Barry Kent is making a film for BBC2 about his "roots". The television cameras were in the Co-op, blocking the aisles. I couldn't get to the cat food, so I complained. The young manager went off and, in crawling tones, asked the cameraman to pass him three tins of cat food. With what I thought was ill grace, the cameraman obliged and, after paying the starstruck cashier, I left the shop.

Tuesday October 8th
Kent is still poncing around the neighbourhood. I saw him being filmed walking up our street. He was wearing a floor-length overcoat, cowboy boots and dark glasses. I ducked out of sight. I have no wish to be publicly identified as the dork in *Dork's Diary*.
I took the dog for a walk to the field where Pandora used to ride Blossom, her pony. It tired very quickly. I had to carry it back.
I saw Mrs Kent, Barry's mother, on her way home. She told me that Barry had bought her the council house she now lives in. This made me laugh quite a lot. The Kents' house is a byword for squalor in our neighbourhood. They chop the internal doors up for firewood every winter.

Saturday October 12th
My mother has been persuaded to give a talk to camera about "the Barry Kent she once knew". I urged her to tell the truth, about the bullying, lying, scruffy, thick youth we knew and despised.
But my mother said, "I always found Barry to be a sensitive child." The director made her stand by her overflowing wheelie bin in the side yard.
My mother said, "Shouldn't I be made-up, by a proper make-up artist?" Nick the director, said, "No. Mrs Mole, we're going for actuality." My mother touched the cold sore on her lip and said, "I'd counted on a bit of camouflage to hide this." A strong light was turned on her, which showed every line, wrinkle and bag on my mother's face.
Then the director shouted, "Go!" and my mother went. To pieces. After 17 attempts, BBC2 gave up, packed their gear and went off. My mother ran upstairs and threw herself on the bed. There is nothing so pitiful as a failed interviewee.

TOMORROW: A luxury cruise beckons for Mole at a bargain-basement £300 price.

● Adrian Mole: The Wilderness Years *will be published by Methuen London on August 31 (£8.99).*

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Can computers be champions?

David Levy looks at the extraordinary success of Deep Thought and chess-playing silicon chips

During a chess tournament between computers in Toronto in the summer of 1977, the spectators sat puzzling over what appeared to be an obvious move by the Soviet program Kaissa. In check from its opponent's queen, Kaissa was apparently compelled to move its king in reply.
After several minutes cogitation, however, Kaissa made what seemed like an incredible blunder, interposing a rook and thereby leaving one of its most powerful pieces to be captured for no compensation. Kaissa's compatriot, the international grandmaster and former world champion Mikhail Botvinnik, threw up his hands in horror as this howler appeared on the computer terminal. None of the other grandmasters or international masters in the audience could offer any rational explanation.
It was only after the game that the truth was revealed. Kaissa pointed out, immediately upon being interrogated, that the king move would have allowed its opponent to unleash a beautiful queen sacrifice, forcing checkmate.
That incident prompted Monty Newborn, a Canadian computer science professor from McGill University, to remark: "Grandmasters used to come to computer chess tournaments to laugh. Now they come to look. Soon they will come to learn."
It is, of course, a still far cry from the day when programs will regularly inflict defeat on the likes of Kasparov and Short. But chess programs have made remarkable strides. In 1977, the strongest of them, Chess 4.5, was just good enough to win the Minnesota open championship, with a rating performance on the U.S. Chess Federation scale of 2,271, which corresponds to the strength of an American master.
In 1988, the best rating performance ever achieved by a program rose to 2,745, corresponding to strong grandmaster. The program, Deep Thought, shared first place with the former England number one, Tony Miles, in a tournament at Long Beach, California. The following year Deep Thought crushed Miles.
During those 12 years, computer hardware had become very much faster and cheaper, making it accessible to students and players. As the silicon chips gained in speed of operation, it became possible for them to evaluate more than one million chess positions per second.
While Deep Thought represents the state of the art in chess hardware, a handful of talented programmers struggle for supremacy in writing programs for more conventional computers, such as PCs.
Writing programs for the public is both hobby and career for the most successful of this breed. The Dutch programmer Ed Schroeder, in the absence of the Deep Thought team, won first prize at last year's world computer chess championship in Madrid, while Britain's Richard Lang, working from his home in Poole, has programmed many of the world's strongest dedicated chess computers and has recently turned to PCs, for which he has written a program called Chess Genius.

ADRIAN BROOKS



David Levy locked in battle with the chess-playing computer Deep Thought, the "state of the art" in chess hardware

Although the programs written by Schroeder and Lang are designed for hardware far less powerful and considerably less expensive than Deep Thought, their playing strength is not far behind. What they lack in super-fast silicon they almost make up in superior programming.
The Deep Thought team at IBM's Thomas J. Watson research centre in New York is led by a brilliant electronic engineer and programmer known as Crazy Bird, the translation of his Chinese name Feng-hsiung Hsu. This small team is developing a much faster version of its special-purpose chess chip and also developing techniques to make, perhaps, thousands of the chips to work together. Hsu hopes to have the next generation chip operational by this winter, performing well enough to push Deep Thought to the level of the world's top 50 grandmasters.
But Garry Kasparov remains unconvinced. He soundly thrashed an earlier version of Deep Thought at their first encounter, played in New York in October 1989, and believes that his mission in life during the 1990s is to demonstrate man's continued dominance over the machine.
My prediction is that Kasparov's successors will survive the onslaught for another 20 years or thereabouts.
Viewers who follow *The Times* world chess championship on Channel 4 television or Teletext will be able to see for themselves how well the moves suggested by a leading chess program compare with those made by Kasparov and Short.
Although the leading programs still lag behind top grandmasters in playing strength, there are aspects of chess in which the computer can be a useful tool even for the very strongest players. Database programs have been in use for several years, allowing professional players to keep up to date with the latest games and openings of all their opponents. In the endgame, database programs have been even more useful, enabling computers to play perfectly in positions with very few pieces on the board. In this sense at least, Newborn's words "Soon they will come to learn" have proved prophetic.
And what of chess fans? How do they benefit from the huge, worldwide research effort being applied to computer chess? The spin-off for enthusiasts lies in the wide range of dedicated chess computers on the market costing from £20 to £3,000, and programs available on disk ranging from a few pounds up to £90.
Anyone who enjoys chess can find a tireless opponent, one which will never refuse to play a game and can have its playing strength set at the peak of its skill or at a much simpler level. These products are excellent as trainers and can be a big help to those who find it difficult to find regular practice.

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Sex is not the last item on the menu

LIBBY PURVES

THE case of Angus Diggle, convicted on a charge of attempting to rape another lawyer after a kilted St Andrew's night ball, happened in a setting so ludicrously British that it is difficult to use the American expression "date rape" about it. Date rape makes you think of overwrought high school students in the back of beat-up Chevvies, or schoolgirl waitresses imprudently being lured out to nightclubs by flash old men: the expression has either a callow or a calculatedly vicious sound to it.
And somehow, in this case, neither seems to fit. These were both *solicitors*, for heaven's sake: over 25, professionals, sophisticates, worldlings. They were trained to listen and analyse. They had encountered, one presumes, all sorts of curious byways of human behaviour. The inescapable question is — how on earth, in 1993, two such people can misread one another so grievously, even after a few drinks? How can a man like Angus Diggle inhabit two worlds: one so modern, casual and comradely that the sexes think nothing of dossing down in platonic amiability in the same room; and another where he is capable of delivering the ancient line: "I spent £200 on her. Why can't I do what I did?"
It is the very contrast between these new and old worlds which makes modern courtship so dangerous. On the one hand we have a proper horror of rape, and (unless we are dotty old judges) most of us agree with the feminist chant of "Whatever we wear, wherever we go, Yes means Yes and No means No". In this context sex is regarded as an momentous, important, significant matter. Yet at the same time, sex between the young and single is constantly conveyed to us in our culture as no big deal: novels at both the highbrow and Jilly Cooper ends of the market are full of casual couplings between virtual strangers. Often they seem to be strangers who don't like each other much, or who have just been quarrelling. In films and on television, they sometimes barely even speak before the bed scene. The drunken Mr Diggle said to his victim's rescuers: "How ordinary this all is. You people are so boring." One can see — if not approve — what he meant.
Ordinary is just what it was, or would have been if he had not misread his partner. Every day, after a lot less than £200 being spent, young men and women are, as the courts like to put it, "consenting to sex" with virtual strangers. This woman, of course, did not consent, and Mr Diggle deserved what he got: but in an age when condoms are cartoon characters, chastity is regarded as weird and "safe sex" is almost a virtue, it is not hard to see how confusion might arise.
Mothers used to warn their daughters about being alone with men in certain intimate situations. Some even passed on the legend of chaps having "uncontrollable passions" and being unable to stop, for obscure physiological reasons, once the idea had crossed their mind. We were given to understand, as recently as the late 1960s, that if you weren't careful the most staid man might abruptly strip off.
THESE days, mothers warn of rape, and try to include the good old "Uncontrollable Man" theme by trendily calling it date rape. Daughters often scoff, and continue to doss down after parties in situations which would have given their great-grandmothers the vapours. Remember all those novels where girls were deemed "ruined" if they had spent the night under a man's roof? Remember Giles Winterborne, in Hardy's *The Woodlanders*, actually dying of pneumonia because he would not sully his fugitive guest's honour by sleeping indoors?
But never mind what mothers try to tell their daughters. What I want to know is, who tells the boys? Who drums into them the new sexual etiquette: that no girl is ever "asking for it", that no expenditure obliges her to "come across", and that she can say no right up to the last minute? What counteracts the old playground lore? Do mothers sit their darling sons down for a chat on the subject? Are there fathers who grasp the nettle and have manly little talks about self-restraint and taking nothing for granted? Admittedly, it seems desperately insulting to one's own child even to contemplate the fact that he might be a rapist.
But after all, generations of intelligent girls have been lectured on the subject of sexual risk as if they were sluttish half-wits. Sauce for the goose: clearly, this talk needs giving. The Diggle case could be just the chance.

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When you discovered years ago that the winning style formula is to stay simple — why change now?





Elementary my dear Zoran

'It goes from one generation to another. Now the daughters of my clients are buying the same clothes'

AT THE MOMENT fashion, pared down to the bare bones, seems to be making no statement at all. With customers tired of laboured label layering, designers are keen to present a more honest, straightforward style. At the moment, that's what's making news. For the Yugoslavian-born, American-based designer Zoran, this news is nothing new.

"There's nothing new to talk about," explains Zoran, who has been creating the most elementary clothes for the past 17 years. "My collection never changes, because I don't change and my client doesn't change. It goes from one generation to another. Now my clients' daughters are buying the same clothes." The same, but like nobody else's.

The clothes Zoran creates are very much an extension of the man himself, the way *he* likes to dress. He lives in a New York loft, a bare white space with no clutter. "I don't like to be bothered by unnecessary things. There is too much clutter, too much confusion, and that's why there are too many psychiatrists."

His designs are easily understood: basic shapes in beautiful fabrics. Vests in silk, pyjama pants in organza. T-shirts in cashmere. Everything shaded by a moody palette of black, navy, grey, beige and maybe a piece of red. And metallics? "Very few, but they are not a colour".

Seasonal changes make little difference and have little effect on Zoran's collection. In winter, he simply adds more layers, or cuts the same shapes in weightier fabrics. A voluminous opera jacket in taffeta finds itself reworked in a warm shearling. Nothing could make more sense.

For something so simple, the price tags bear big, complicated figures. Such sumptuous fabrics do come expensive. "This is not everybody's style. The style or the price," says Zoran in a slow, low mid-Atlantic drawl. "I'm not interested in making money, that's not the point. I don't do much, so I don't need much."

Zoran started in fashion



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with much less. "I bought one hundred dollars of fabric, and made three tops and two bottoms." The prestigious Henri Bendel's department store in New York bought them immediately. The fashion world's style bible, *Women's Wear Daily*, photographed them. The next week Zoran received huge orders.

"I had clients from day one. When I see people wearing my clothes, it makes me happy, because I'm not making clothes to go in a museum." That he trained as an architect is obvious. His work is minimal, yet exacting. To be so undivided in concept, the clothes must be exactly right. Zoran's clothes are just that.

This puritanical style is also making waves on this side of the Atlantic. Ellis Flyte and Richard Ostell are two young designers who have worked separately in the business for several years. Joining together as Flyte Ostell, they have successfully captured the mood for pure, unfussy clothes which work singly, or simply layered. Trapeze tunics and dresses, single-button, floor-skimming coats or modest slip dresses in crêpe, fine jersey and silk are the antithesis of the overly designed, and have made them the toast of British fashion. Flyte Ostell are making headlines the world over with their clean lines.

With Muji, there is even less to shout about, and yet that is exactly what the fashion cognoscenti have been doing. Muji is a Japanese export, a "no name" label producing quietly confident pieces of cotton clothing which can be integrated into any wardrobe. They are not only useful, but cheap. Muji also produces household goods with the same spartan design ethic: minimal futurism.

Assuming such an ascetic approach, how small can a wardrobe of clothes be? Zoran is adamant that it should be no more than fits into a small travel bag. "That's all you need. That's why it's important to buy good quality," he says.

And if life imitates art, what kind of lifestyle can one expect to live dressed in such an uncomplicated fashion? Zoran, in his no-fuss, no-frills world, simply smiles. "My favourite thing is not to do anything. I do absolutely nothing."

Ah, but with such style.



Above: Sacha: navy chiffon dress, £605 (sold as suit with satin slip dress), navy lace tunic, £470, Flyte Ostell. Matthew: white ribbed vest, £10.95, Muji, 26 Great Marlborough Street, London, W1, 39 Shelton Street, London, WC2, 63-67 Queen Street, Glasgow

Above left: Sacha: ivory silk satin vest, £205, silver grey silk satin trousers, £325, Zoran, Brown's, 23-27 South Molton Street, London, W1. Matthew: white linen-mix pyjama pants, £34.95 (sold with pyjama jacket), Muji

Left: Sacha: cream cashmere sweater, £390, Zoran, Brown's, London W1, white ribbed vest, £6.50, Muji. Matthew: white fleece sweatpants, £29.95, white ribbed athletic vest, £14.95, Muji, as before. Silver ID bracelet, $130, Shades of the Village, New York

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Make-up: Mary-Jane Frost
Hair: James Dodds for Anthony Yacomine using KMS

HOTLINE

● **Barbie, not content with being just a doll, now has her own dance workout video. An animated Barbie performs the "Barbie Basic, the Sidewalk Strut and the Jam'n'Jogger" — all moves from her energetic aerobic dance routine. The video, which is aimed at young girls, has been approved by the Aerobics Fitness Association of America and will be available from video outlets, priced £8.99, from October.**

● **The late Tina Chow, model, muse and jewellery designer, built an exceptional collection of 20th century couture clothes and accessories. 100 items of which will be sold at Christie's in New York on September 21. The highlight of the sale is a pale-pink 1930s velvet cape from Fortuny. Christie's and *Mirabella* magazine will host a benefit cocktail reception and private view of the Chow collection. Proceeds from the event will go to Tina's House and Housing Works, two Aids and HIV-related charities.**

RACHEL COLLINS

Matthew Parris



■ A poodle of a man sets out the harsh facts of life for the misguided mistresses of the world

All men are dogs: it's just a question of sorting out the breed." Or so writes Chrissy Iley in *The Sunday Times*. Intrigued, I read on. Some men are poodles, she continues. My eye is caught by a photograph illustrating a typical example. It is of myself. Poodles, she says, are intelligent (thanks, Chrissy) but unpredictable. Good company, they nevertheless love to be the centre of attention and are "always on their hind legs doing tricks". Besides me, other poodles are Mick Jagger and Jeremy Paxman.

Oh well, that's alright then: I just wanted to know who else was in this kennel. Richard Branson is doubtless equally content to find himself cast as a collie; but I wonder whether the Prince of Wales minds being a spaniel or Clive Anderson a terrier? Ms Iley ends her article with a stylish *miaouw*.

And I ask myself how a poodle should respond? No true poodle could miss this opportunity to reply with a trick or two of his own! Pause, then, when I get on to my hind legs, preen my pom-poms and essay an answer. On behalf of all dogs, Chrissy, here is a short message to our female owners.

It must start with a major caution. *Don't exaggerate the personal bond.* Dogs are pleased to be taken home and cared for by kind ladies. We are grateful for our baskets and our Bonio. We are not unmindful of the attention you give us, and we love to have our stomachs rubbed. In return we are more than happy to go walkies with you, respond to the whistle, trot behind you and answer to our names.

We will do simple tricks for you, show off for your friends, accept our leash and learn to distinguish you from other ladies (unless they have biscuits). We will lick and nuzzle you as occasion suits. We will be faithful to you, mostly, if only for a quiet life.

But don't ever think it had to be you. Don't get silly about us, or suppose we're all that silly about you, though we can pretend if it pleases you.

Speaking as a poodle, Chrissy, one owner is as good as another as long as you get fed. We enjoy the attention. We will guard you jealously and bark at strangers — because it's in our nature: we'd do it for any lady. Out of habit (or even affection) we will stick around, often for years, sometimes for life. But frankly, old girl, if you should fall under a bus, there are other dog baskets, other tin openers and walkies with other ladies . . .

And you mention sex, Chrissy. Like dogs, you say, men are crazy for sex and cannot think straight in anything to do with the mating game.

Women love saying this sort of thing. Secretly, of course, they hope it's true. "Ooh, you are awful. You men are all the same. You only ever want one thing." In fact, this is wishful thinking on women's part. They hope we only want one thing because it is the thing they offer.

But, sadly, the dog analogy is all too accurate. Far from being silly about sex (as women are), we doggies are rather matter-of-fact about it. When we want it we go out and find it; it doesn't take us long; and when it's done it's done. Our attention moves to the next meal, or a possible rabbit in the undergrowth.

It is not really in our natures to hang around and ask the lady dog whether she'd like a cup of tea, or kiss her lightly on the forehead. Speaking candidly as a poodle, it is not absolutely necessary that we see her again, and nor are we frantically interested in the puppies — though we can be trained to go through the motions. Just as with dogs, the only way the female can be sure of sustained attention of a romantic sort from the male is *before* mating — and by proving hard to get.

> Frankly, old girl, if you should fall under a bus, there are other dog baskets, other ladies

The truth is, Chrissy, that — like dogs — for large parts of their lives men are not all that bothered about sex. Though we bark a lot about it, it is an intermittent need: urgent when it comes, but quickly and easily satisfied. We do not especially care whether the other party enjoys it (though the modern dog is trained to pretend). Nor do we need to tangle it up with the rest of our lives, as our mistresses do. Here, too, I fear, the canine message to you ladies is the same: *it didn't have to be you.* It's jolly nice that tonight it is, of course — and by the way, is it Pedigree Chum for dinner?

The closer you look the more right Chrissy Iley is. I suppose the mistake women most often make about men is to build them into something they are not: to read too much into their response and to overlook their essential simplicity. They seem to think we're humans, like them.

Precisely thus is the dog misunderstood by his mistress. He barks, wags his tail, makes a mess on the carpet or tries to mate with her leg — and she thinks he means something by it. She thinks he's trying to say something to her, that he can feel towards her the same emotions she feels towards him. She thinks he can be "good" or "naughty". She thinks he has hopes, plans, a sense of obligation, even.

But he doesn't. He's a dog. Woof.

As the world's philosophers meet in Moscow, **Anne McElvoy** sees a new challenge for the West

Russia resurrects the art of thinking

In 1922, a ship set sail from Petrograd carrying some of Russia's finest philosophers. Nikolai Berdayev, Sergei Bugakov and Nikolai Losky, whose writings on aesthetics, religion and national identity dominated the subject in their country at that time, had annoyed Lenin by failing to articulate the required view that Marxism was a complete and coherent thought-system and that communism embodied the triumph of Hegelian world-spirit. They were never allowed to return. Pavel Florensky, an Orthodox priest who was a gifted writer on ethics and mathematics, died in the camps in 1939 along with many others.

The result is that the country which between 1890 and 1917 had engaged energetically with European developments — Nietzsche was widely enough read and discussed to merit a comic aside in Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard* — has been excluded from philosophical dialogue for most of this century.

This week it makes its official return to the fold as 1,000 practitioners from across the globe descend on Moscow for the World Congress of Philosophy, being held there for the first time since its inception in 1900. The last congress, staged in Brighton five years ago, was deemed by its loftier participants to have been a media event, designed to hoist the subject further up the government's funding ladder rather than a serious brainstorming session. The dominant areas of enquiry were firmly in the Anglo-American analytical tradition: lots of wrangles about perception and qualities and whether beliefs have contents, which caused one African visitor to complain that philosophers had forgotten their traditional role of providing the most comprehensive insight possible into the predicament of human existence.

It is a grievance unlikely to surface this time. Russian thinkers today, like their forebears at the beginning of the century, conceive their task on a more ambitious scale than their Western counterparts. They are less interested in the detailed examination of phenomena and recherché questions about the nature of reality than about how man should interpret and organise the world, in the meaning of cultural identity and in religious philosophy, an area which has been relegated to subsidiary status in the West.

There could hardly be a more suitable moment for such discussions. Since the fall of communism, a rare convergence has emerged between philosophers, politicians and laymen on the quests facing Russia. A recent edition of the journal *Questions of Philosophy* carries an article by Vladimir Khoros under the deceptively simple title "Russia and the West" which criticises both the Slavophile foundations of much homespun philosophy and the complacent European assumption that all it takes is the end of dictatorship and the issuing of passports for the country to annexe itself obediently to our tradition. Khoros's thesis is that the defining feature of Russian identity is the "protracted condition of intermediate civilisation", caught between the values of eastern Orthodoxy and liberal humanism and finding itself both culturally and geopolitically unable to embark on one direction of development.

Here he has pinpointed the uncertainties which haunt contemporary Russia and bedevil its reforms. Ordinary people may not use such theoretical terms, but they are engaging with the same problems as they restore their grandmother's icon to the wall above the newly acquired video recorder while wondering instinctively whether the rush to the market economy is robbing them of an essential part of their culture. The need to define what is being given and at what cost is pressing. Watching the ethnic conflicts unfold on the country's periphery, they ask themselves where Russia begins and ends, a thorny conundrum given that the birthplace of the Orthodox church is Kiev, capital of the now independent Ukraine, that 25 million Russians live outside the country's borders and that Moscow considers intervention in central Asian conflicts to be both a right and a duty.

> There are dozens of economists and other experts in Yeltsin's coterie, but no philosophers

Perhaps the most fascinating question of the week is whether European and Eurasian thinkers can find common ground on which to debate at all. Like their Greek forebears, the conference participants will be confronted with the issue of whether philosphy can make universal claims and the possibility of establishing values which transcend individual cultures, beliefs and conveniences.

Across the post-communist world, philosophers are discovering how comfortless can be the existence of intellectuals in free societies which are for the most part oblivious to what they think. Whereas Mikhail Gorbachev, prompted by his philosophy-graduate wife Raisa, solicited their support for perestroika, Boris Yeltsin pays scant attention to the academic community. There are dozens of economists and administration experts in his coterie, but no philosophers.

His main rival, the maverick parliamentary chairman Ruslan Khasbulatov, has spotted this shortcoming in the democratic camp. He has just published a paper entitled "Russia as the God-Bearing State", whose significance is slight but which is intended to widen the appeal of conservatives to intellectuals by claiming that they alone are interested in how the soul of Russia fares. The battle from now on will be as much for minds as hearts.

For all that, the World Congress of Philosophy is one of those heartening events which should remind us of how far Russia has come with the second anniversary of the defeat of the August coup this weekend serving as an *aide-mémoire*. Only five years ago, the Soviets attended the Brighton conference as a carefully selected phalanx of approved thinkers. There are no delegations this time, just individuals talking to each other in five languages and hoping to find a common tongue.

Many of the domestic participants at yesterday's opening session were in their twenties, an encouraging sign for the future of the subject. The days when philosophy was appended to the Marxist-Leninist department of universities are over and the revival of interest has been swift and robust.

Derrida's post-modernism now seems to be as appealing to the students of Moscow State University as to those in the Sorbonne and, like their French role models, they are keen to play a role in determining the shape of their societies rather than simply aspiring to a window seat in an ivory tower. As the first generation since the revolution to enjoy unrestricted access to both Western thought and the Orthodox tradition, it will fall to them to decide whether any synthesis of the two is possible in the 21st century and thus lay the foundations of how successfully two cultures separated by ideological divides for 70 years can come to understand each other.

For now, however, they have more pressing concerns. Postgraduates are still unable to lay hands on foreign materials for their research, libraries cannot afford to buy them and academic publishing is in a parlous state. The guests in Moscow could perform a service to their subjects by stopping to reflect on the practical needs of their hosts and taking a few addresses home with them.

In my philosophical dictionary, only three Russians merit brief mentions. This is the ideal time for those thinkers who have been able to pursue their work untrammelled by ideological diktats to start helping ensure that future editions include many more.

William Rees-Mogg is on holiday.

The price Britain will pay

Peter Riddell assesses the damage caused by the war in Bosnia



Forget the hand-wringing and assumptions of collective guilt now prevalent over Bosnia. They achieve nothing except a sense of superiority for the moralisers. The only pertinent question for a British politician is whether our national interests have been protected. But on all but the narrowest Powellite definition of the safety of British subjects, the answer is ambivalent. That is not just because of the killing and deprivation in Bosnia, but also because of the current recriminations within Nato, and particularly across the Atlantic.

As anyone who has visited Washington in the past few weeks, or has read the comments of American foreign policy pundits, can testify, Britain's long-term security interests have been undermined by the Western handling of the Bosnian civil war. Blaming Britain may be largely unjustified, but it is a fact.

Western governments have had three choices. First, they could stand back and allow the participants to fight themselves to a standstill, as has been the attitude to the bloody conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan. This is the view of those like Enoch Powell and Nicholas Budgen who are suspicious when notions of world government challenge the primacy of national interests.

Second, governments could intervene either to preserve the integrity of the original Bosnian state or to limit its dismemberment. The latter is, or rather was, the approach of many of President Bill Clinton's advisers and, in Britain, of a small but diverse group including Lady Thatcher, Patrick Cormack on the Tory benches, Paddy Ashdown of the Liberal Democrats, and Clare Short for Labour, as well as some traditional pro-Palestinian MPs.

Third, the West could seek to alleviate suffering by humanitarian aid and could use diplomatic pressures to encourage a ceasefire, if not a lasting agreement acceptable to all sides, on the grounds that fighting and suffering on the scale of Bosnia is a threat to international stability. That has been the approach of the British, French, and other Western governments and the aim of the mediation efforts of Lord Owen and his associates.

The debate has been partly determined by whether you view the conflict as mainly a civil war or primarily as a Serbian-inspired aggression. But this distinction and arguments about how far the UN should become involved in the internal affairs of states and civil wars have become secondary to whether the West is prepared to commit its troops to enforce a settlement.

BIDDED UP MONDAY

The point was put with characteristic bluntness a few weeks ago by Douglas Hogg, of the Foreign Office: "The essential question is whether the UN member states, in particular Britain, are prepared to put combat troops into Bosnia to wage war. If the answer is no — and that indeed is the answer — people must not encourage the Bosnian Muslims to suppose something different." There is no doubt that in Britain, as elsewhere, there is no public support for risking the lives of troops in this way.

The West has, however, fallen into the trap defined by Mr Hogg. Governments have felt a responsibility to reduce suffering and broker an agreement. Douglas Hurd's argument that even if you cannot solve the problem, at least you can do something, is reasonable, especially in humanitarian aid.

But it is only a partial answer. While opposed to the use of force to end a civil war, the West has raised the hopes of the Bosnian Muslims by issuing warnings to the Bosnian Serbs which have not been followed up with action. Mouthing some of the rhetoric of the interventionists, their policies have had the effect of the non-interventionists, the worst of all worlds. Workable safe havens might have been created and more aid delivered if a credible commitment of troops had been made at an earlier stage. But it was not.

British doubts have appeared too often like obstructionism, even when they were fully justified, as when the government objected in May to American proposals to lifting the arms embargo on the Bosnian Muslims. At the time, Britain also seemed to be opposed to air strikes. But it now turns out that John Major wrote to Clinton in May supporting the idea of such strikes under tight conditions of the kind recently approved by Nato to prevent the strangulation of Sarajevo. Admittedly, the Clinton administration's approach has been confused, ranging from its original one-sided view, via its refusal to commit ground troops even for humanitarian purposes, to the naive belief of some of the president's advisers in the efficacy of precision bombing. Last week's over-candid remarks by Brigadier Vere Hayes were basically right.

In trying to act as a responsible member of the international community, the British government has won few friends. It may have helped save many lives through supplying aid. But its diplomacy has been muddled, seldom putting forward a clear-cut, positive approach and too often raising objections and doubts, however correct they have been in practice.

These contradictions have helped aggravate existing strains within Nato about its proper role in the post-cold-war world. This was reflected in recent administration warnings that failure to act over Sarajevo could seriously jeopardise American support for Nato, especially in Congress, where even previously strong supporters of an American presence in Europe are now very critical of the British and French.

The British policy on Bosnia has underestimated the possible implications for Europe's long-term security of the West's half-hearted approach. What has seemed a sensible short-term pursuit of national interests could be very different in the long-term. It might have been wiser for Britain to go along with earlier collective military action in the interest of longer-term European security. The costs of Bosnia will not be just in the former Yugoslavia.

MPs go to school

SCHOOL-LEAVERS whose summer has been ruined by the scramble for a university place should take heart from the studious behaviour of a number of Tory grandees. In their dotage, they are going back to school and university.

Not least among this band of budding academics is Ivor Stanbrook, the former Conservative MP for Orpington, who stood down at the election and has since become a full-time student at the University of East Anglia at the age of 69.

He is not altogether taken with the dress sense and music taste of some of his fellow students, but university life seems to suit him. "I go in about two days a week. Most of my classmates are of course 50 years younger than me, but it's a great advantage to have spent 30 years at the Bar and 22 years as an MP, because I question the things they teach you," he says.

Stanbrook's subject, a PhD on extradition law, is somewhat specialised and means he spends more time with tutors than students. One or two MPs and ministers have rather less esoteric academic ambitions, however. Robert Jackson, Conservative MP for Wantage, enrolled at Bryanston's summer school to study classical Greek. "It tends to be A-level students who are going to university, but there are half a dozen or so mature students like myself," he says.

Jackson is putting his studies to good use by translating Homer's *Iliad*. And he claims he is not the only one swotting during the recess. "Gillian Shephard has been having someone to help her brush up her French and Douglas Hogg is learning German," says Jackson. But is anyone taking lessons in government?

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Royal rodent

THE Royal Opera House has embarked on its annual maintenance programme during the month-long summer shutdown which began on August 7, and redecoration is under way throughout the building.

One project, however, is assuming an importance beyond all proportion: a mouse has been spotted in the room behind the royal box and valiant attempts are being made to capture it. "It's only ever been seen in the royal retiring rooms. We're trying to lure it out humanely, but it's proving rather more difficult than we thought," says Keith Cooper, director of public affairs.

In the old days, the opera house had its own cats for this sort of caper and there is already talk of their possible reintroduction. Meanwhile, mousetraps have been laid, with the most enticing cheese the opera house has to offer.



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Royal circles should remain concerned, however — for the regal rodent has yet to be tempted.

● *Visitors to the Edinburgh Festival this year cannot fail to notice the new and impressive reproduction 19th-century railings surrounding the Scottish National Gallery. They look good but, more importantly, the £275,000 railings should save the English director, Timothy Clifford, from further embarrassment. Last year, graffiti artists made their mark with a prominent message on the gallery's walls: "English Go Home. Timothy Clifford That Means You."*

Memory lane

THE frustrations of writing one's political memoirs in a climate so saturated with works by cabinet ministers from the Thatcher government boiled over last week when Kenneth Baker was interviewed by *The Bookseller*.

Baker's blow was directed at Sir Norman Fowler, whose memoirs signally failed to stir the book world, let alone the public. "Norman really buggered it up for the rest of us," says Baker with feeling.

As something of a thespian *manqué*, Baker has littered his version of events with quotes from Shakespeare. Perhaps that's why he is so confident of joining Alan Clark in the best-selling league of political peccadillos.

● *In Douglas Hurd's absence, the Foreign Office was far from reassuring yesterday. Alastair Goodlad, the minister of state, is in charge. Asked for Goodlad's response to the possibility of sanctions against Croatia following events in Mostar, a spokesman could not answer: "He (Goodlad) is not up to speed."*

Life in the raw

ONE of the more enduring institutions of Hampstead Heath is under threat. Highgate men's pond is the subject of an enquiry by its owner, the Corporation of London, after complaints about nude sunbathing. It has circulated questionnaires asking whether the practice should continue.

This has caused consternation among those who frequent the pond, where Edward Fox and Frank Bruno have been spotted and A.J.P. Taylor, the historian, regularly dropped by. "If they make the men put their clothes on, they will just end up wearing diaphanous thongs, and that will be much worse," says Michael Lindon, a theatrical agent who has been using the pond for 25 years. "I am worried that the weightlifters are behind the complaint. There is a lot of friction between them and the gays who swan in during the summer."



Sherlock Holmes and friends, dressed for the occasion

Let's drink to Holmes

Brandy is mentioned in 16 out of 60 cases dealt with by Sherlock Holmes, says the London-based Sherlock Holmes Society. Excuse enough, it seems, for its members to dress up next month in Victorian costume and head for Cognac, Bordeaux and Montpellier on a nine-day jaunt.

At least 50 of them will each play a character from the Sherlock Holmes stories. Their trip will take in Chateau Mouton Rothschild, Chateau Lafite and Chateau Lascombes in Bordeaux.

"Holmes's French connections are a little more tenuous than his Swiss connections," admits the society's chairman, Philip Porter, who will play the part of the detective. "But in *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*, he mentions that he spent several months researching coal tar derivatives in Montpellier. That's our fundamental excuse. It's a reasonable supposition that he was a connoisseur of fine wines." And cognac, presumably.

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UNHAPPY RETURNS

The Chinese have more to fear than to celebrate

The Most Honorary Chairman of the Chinese Bridge Association turned 89 yesterday. He was already officially long retired from all other duties. He was said to be enjoying his birthday in good health.

Nobody in China, however, is expected to believe in Deng Xiaoping's retirement. However little part he plays in government business, he remains the ultimate source of political authority, his words constantly evoked. Nor would many lay much of the money he has urged his countrymen to make on the health of a man not seen in public since January, and even then seen to be shaking, deaf and barely able to speak.

A power struggle is now shaping behind closed doors in anticipation of Mr Deng's death. This ought, in theory, to matter less than it did in Chairman Mao's day. One of the unintended effects of Mr Deng's economic liberalisation has been to loosen Peking's grip on the provinces. Mr Deng said in the 1980s that it mattered not what colour the cat was so long as it caught mice; since then millions of Chinese have become champion mousers.

With that prosperity has come, at least in the cities, a degree of independence from party patronage. Yet the Chinese await the post-Deng era with extreme unease — not because they believe the encomiums heaped on China's "glorious paragon" by the official propaganda machine, but because they know how vulnerable their lives are to a conservative backlash in the absence of the political reforms Mr Deng has consistently refused to countenance.

The tentacles of Mr Deng, the last of the Long March veterans to rule China, reach deep into the party, the bureaucracy and the armed forces: none of his potential successors has anything like so secure a base, and even Mr Deng was compelled to jettison the successors he picked during the 1980s. The Chinese have suffered terribly this century from political turmoil. In a country where neither the constitution nor the law place any real restraints on the arbitrary exercise of power and a million people are estimated to be detained each year without even appearing before a court, "law and order" is an obsession shared by the governing and the governed. A renewed clampdown on dissent in China is a sign of the leadership's anxiety that party control could be weakened in any prolonged power struggle.

A dynastic battle at the top could hardly be more inopportune. Mr Deng's lieutenant, Zhu Rongji, is wrestling with an overheating economy, serious discontent in the countryside, and evidence everywhere that much of the energy unleashed by Mr Deng's economic reforms has found corrupt channels: all developments that render Mr Deng's legacy of "socialism with Chinese characteristics" vulnerable. Internationally, China is still far from recovering the respect it forfeited by crushing the 1989 Tiananmen democracy movement. The position that the armed forces would take in a leadership struggle is uncertain.

Political infighting is inevitable. By comparison with the manoeuvrings in the Zhongnan Hai, the quarter of the Forbidden City reserved to the party leadership, the choosing of a new Pope, when at least the date, the place and the identities of those who decide are public knowledge, is a miracle of democracy. Two years ago, Mr Deng complained that "it is abnormal to let the fate of a country rest on one or two individuals". By that criterion China remains, after 15 years of economic modernisation unmatched by political reform, a singularly abnormal country.

Nothing is more abnormal than the absence of political or constitutional machinery for ensuring a smooth succession when he dies. Mr Deng has increased China's material wealth fourfold; but he will leave it still backward, corrupt and above all, politically ossified and savagely repressed.

THE HAMAS EFFECT

Israel and the PLO must persevere with their talks

In four days Islamic extremists have murdered a former Algerian prime minister, Kasdi Merbah, and made an attempt on the life of Egyptian interior minister, Hassan al-Alfi. These acts confirm once more the movement's pandemic potential. The US has responded to it, in part, by declaring Sudan a "terrorist state". Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation must also respond by frustrating the extremists' goal of destroying the peace process.

Talks resume next week in Washington. If anything can be sure in this mercurial context it is that only from negotiation can a durable solution result. The Israeli government recognises this, as do moderate Palestinians. However, Hamas, the militant Islamic movement in Israel's occupied territories, does not. A collapse in the dialogue will play only into its radical hands.

The major achievement of the peace talks, thus far, has been to engineer a profound change in attitudes. Familiarity at the negotiating table has bred not contempt but more familiarity still. It has also spawned a hardy strain of pragmatism. In apparently healing his rift with the leaders of the Palestinian delegation to the peace talks, Yassir Arafat placed the Israeli government in a sticky political position. Prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, however, responded in a refreshingly business-like way. His government would talk to the negotiators even though they had been appointed to senior PLO positions.

The killing by Hezbollah of seven soldiers in Israel's "security zone" in southern Lebanon would, at a less delicate time, have ensured a firm military response. Politically, Mr Rabin's Labour government has had to prove itself to be as unyielding as any other on the question of Israel's security. It was this consideration that impelled the emphatic use of force in Lebanon in July. The restrained response to this latest provocation by Hezbollah has earned Mr Rabin serious criticism from the Israeli right, with former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir particularly shrill. The right has also condemned the government's stance on the Palestinian delegation and its plan for the phased repatriation of the Palestinian deportees.

It is clear that Mr Rabin will pay a domestic political price for his conciliation, but the rewards are far more substantial. It is the Palestinians who are in the fragile position. Mr Arafat has to handle his delegation to the peace talks carefully. "A friendship taken up again needs more care than a friendship never dropped", as Rochefoucauld put it. The PLO is, also, hard-up, largely the result of Mr Arafat's flaws of strategy and temperament. His paymasters, particularly the Saudis, have not forgiven him his support for the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Two senior members have withdrawn from the PLO's Executive Committee in protest over Mr Arafat's leadership.

It is in the best interests of the PLO for Mr Arafat to keep a modest profile. It would be astute to entrust greater responsibility to the moderates from the Occupied Territories. It is they who are best placed to sell, or impose, an enlightened agenda on those who live there. Moderate Palestinians, with secular goals, are Israel's natural allies in the fight against Hamas, which is funded by, among others, the Iranians. If Mr Rabin once saw Hamas as a counter to the PLO, he should now see the PLO as a counter to Hamas. He should follow his reason all the way.

THIRD AGE GOLD

New races are ready for older runners

In the long run, old age is an incurable disease. But some of those afflicted by its passage seem to be growing cheerfully restless. At an age when sprinters were formerly considered to have one running-spike in the grave, Linford Christie has come within a hundredth of a second of running the 100-metres faster than anybody since stop-watches were invented. Meanwhile Graham Gooch has become England's most prolific scorer of runs in Test matches at the beach-cricketing age of 40.

Ivor Stanbrook, the former MP for Orpington, has gone up to the University of East Anglia as a student at the age of 69, while Robert Jackson (aged 46), the former Minister for the Civil Service, has just spent two intensive weeks at the Greek summer school at Bryanston in Dorset, with 200 other (teenaged) beginners.

A 58-year-old British woman is five months pregnant with twins after fertility treatment at a Rome clinic, while Anthony Quinn, the actor great-grandfather aged 78, has just fathered a daughter by a woman other than his wife. When asked about his sex life when he was Quinn's age, Sophocles replied glumly: "Hush, man; I am delighted to have escaped from sex, as though I had escaped from a mad and savage master." Quinn put it more robustly: "Kathy [his secretary for the last nine years] said she wanted a child by me. I said, 'I don't know if I can.' Well, I could."

These may be signs that the last great heresy of ageism is waning. The cult of youth has gone too far. The gap between between adolescence and obsolescence has been too far shrunk. At an age when Victorians would have considered workers in their prime, they are now deemed unemployable. In such great trades as news-reading, public relations and modelling, women as old as 30 are considered past it.

Much wisdom, integrity and experience is wasted by this ageist prejudice — and much money. As people retire and live longer on pensions, the Grey Panthers of the Third Age often have more money to spend, and better ideas than the young of how to spend it. A lively and outward-looking mind, which considers that old age lies about 15 years ahead of whatever happens to be the age of the mind's owner, is the best antidote to the physical defects of growing older. The petition to give pensioners free television licences is sentimental and patronising. Old age needs enough money to live comfortably on, and should then decide for itself how to spend it, preferably on something more enterprising than watching television. In taking university courses and evening classes, travelling with a theme to broaden the mind and other social and intellectual occupations, people of mature age are ripe for anything, and have more opportunities to do something useful than before. The grown-ups of the Western world should become once again role-models for their feckless youngers and silliers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Decision on status of Muslim school

From the Director of the Muslim Educational Trust

Sir, Your leader ("Perversity and prejudice", August 20) on the rejection of Islamia primary school's application for voluntary-aided status is to be applauded for its balanced, commonsense approach to the issue. As you rightly say, the decision "has simply reiterated the department's original argument", so this can hardly be described as the government's "new policy" on Muslim schools. As the original refusal in 1990 was judged by the High Court to be "manifestly unfair", how can the same reason be used again?

Islamia primary school is looked to for inspiration by other independent Muslim schools in Britain. Aided status for Islamia would not, however, have opened flood-gates to others. Muslim educationists acknowledge that schools must meet certain *educational* criteria to qualify for aid; we are not asking for special treatment to get round such criteria, merely equal treatment. It appears, though, that Muslim schools, no matter how excellent they may be in every respect, will never be allowed to meet the criteria of the *political* agenda of this government.

The recent policy changes made in respect of the national curriculum and testing requirements are most welcome. Perhaps it is time for the same spirit to be applied to redress the imbalance and inequality in the government's approach to Muslims and their educational concerns.

Yours faithfully,
GHULAM SARWAR,
Director,
The Muslim Educational Trust,
130 Stroud Green Road, N4.
August 20.

From Mr Ron Ellis

Sir, Your leading article warrants a cautious warning on its blind optimism about the introduction of a state-aided Muslim school in Brent, or elsewhere in Britain.

Your comment that government ministers "are very unwise if they assume that Islamic militancy will be fuelled more by separate Muslim schooling", could possibly have hit on the core of the reason why the education minister, Baroness Blatch, has *come down on the side of common* sense.

I, and many like me, are desperately worried about the likelihood of state funding of such schools, and the ensuing nurture of Islamic militancy in this country that could follow.

Yours faithfully,
RON ELLIS,
5 Westbrook Road, Milton,
Weston-super-Mare, Avon.

From Father David Lawrence-March

Sir, As a Christian priest who has worked in education for the past four years, first in a voluntary-aided secondary school and more recently in the independent sector, I am dismayed by the decision of Baroness Blatch to deny voluntary-aided status to the Islamic primary school in Brent.

Lady Blatch and others who oppose the granting of such status to schools outside the Judaeo-Christian traditions would do well to recall some words from the archbishops' report, *Faith in the City* (1985):

For Christ came to serve amid the complex realities of his own time and is still glorified by the service of those who take seriously the religious quest and the religious inheritance of those around them.

Yours faithfully,
D. LAWRENCE-MARCH,
Bearwood College,
Bear Wood, Wokingham, Berkshire.
August 19.

Surrey cricket

From Mr M. J. Edwards

Sir, Few people would disagree with Canon Eric James (letter, August 14) that "the ills of cricket require ... a vigorous and relentless scrutiny".

However, his implied criticism of Surrey in respect of our youth development programme is very wide of the mark. In the past three years, Surrey professional cricketers have delivered well over 200 six-week coaching courses in the boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark and Wandsworth alone. In this way, more than 6,000 children have received expert coaching as an introduction to the game.

This year I have organised 15 cricket tournaments, both indoor and outdoor, for inner-London children, most of whom have never played a school match before.

Canon James is, of course, quite right to point to the lack of facilities, particularly in Lambeth where there is not a single club ground and only one *municipal facility*. With *this in* mind, I am arranging a dozen school matches at club grounds in Wandsworth and Southwark in 1994, involving schools not currently playing proper cricket.

Within our financial constraints, *maximum activity at youth level is* Surrey cricket council's objective.

Yours faithfully,
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August 17.

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Mothers' choice on the question of childbirth at home

From the General Secretary of the Royal College of Midwives

Sir, Like many others who have challenged the Cumberlege report on "changing childbirth", Dr Thomas Stuttaford ("When a mother's feelings come second", Body and Mind, August 17) has concentrated on its least important aspect — namely home birth.

The report is first and foremost about accepting that women have the right to choice in the care of themselves and their babies wherever that care is given, and its underlying principle is that women can be trusted to make safe decisions in these areas. "No one has greater interest in a healthy baby and a happy outcome than the pregnant woman herself," the report states.

This is not fantasy. It was women who first questioned the value of high levels of induction rates and the routine use of machines to monitor their babies' heart rates. The medical and midwifery professions only followed on and, although in small numbers, it was women who continued to ask for the right to home birth, and subsequent analysis has shown no justification for encouraging all women to deliver in hospital.

With sensitive and skilled support and selection by midwives and general practitioners many more women can have their babies away from consultant units, with very positive outcomes. Where deaths at home have been studied it is clear that the numbers are so statistically low that they must represent the level below *which they are unlikely ever to fall.*

Yours faithfully,
RUTH M. ASHTON,
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August 17.

From Dr M. J. V. Bull

Sir, Both as a recently retired GP with a long-term interest in maternity care and as a husband who once witnessed the stillbirth of his first son after three healthy daughters (all of them in hospital), I must give my wholehearted support to Dr Stuttaford's views on the implications of the Cumberlege report.

When I entered practice some 40 years ago, 40 per cent of births still occurred in the home, even in an urban practice. I remember particularly well a normally born infant that just did not breathe, despite our strenuous efforts at resuscitation. Today, in the hospital setting, with the expertise and equipment for intubation and ventilation readily to hand, that baby might have survived; but, in the home, it could even now be just as chancy.

Some reactionary members of our profession and, sadly, some midwives who have not had children themselves, view childbirth through rose-tinted spectacles and decry medical intervention on the very false premise that nature knows best. In my experience, "Mother" Nature is often a very poor obstetrician, as anyone who has worked in the third world is very well aware.

Fortunately, in Oxford over the past 25 years, first at the Churchill hospital, later at the John Radcliffe, we have had the advantage of an independent maternity unit for the patients of GPs and community midwives within the district obstetric hospital. More traditional styles of care can be offered in such units and instant backup by obstetric and *paediatric specialists is available in an* emergency. Over 15,000 mothers have now been delivered in these units, with high consumer satisfaction and extremely low perinatal mortality rates.

It is a pity that this model has not been more widely emulated elsewhere. Less than 1 per cent of mothers nationally now opt for home births and I do not see this figure rising significantly, notwithstanding Cumberlege. Most women are far too sensible.

I remain, etc,
MICHAEL BULL,
7 Lewis Close, Headington, Oxford.
August 18.

From Mrs Robert Jowitt

Sir, Make no mistake, Cumberlege would not have dared risk the wrath of the medical establishment merely to let women have happy birth experiences, never mind the consequences. No. Cumberlege accepts the findings of last year's Winterton report on maternity services, which showed home birth to be as safe, if not safer, than hospital birth.

Perhaps the advisory group also *recognises the link between the mother's* body and mind in childbirth, a link often pooh-poohed by the obstetricians, who find it difficult to believe that maternal distress leads to foetal distress. Hospitals are notoriously stressful places — for patients as well *as staff.*

Yours faithfully,
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August 18.

From Mrs Kate Smith

Sir, What makes a low-risk woman's home a safe enough place in which to give birth normally are the skills and experience of those attending her. Dr Stuttaford tells a reassuring story of how, years ago, he successfully assisted at an unexpectedly difficult home delivery. He is presumably implying that he no longer has the skills to do so, or no longer feels the confidence or the incentive to use them. Sadly, that would make him similar to a large number of GPs currently practising.

Putting normal births into a high-tech environment is not going to solve the problem of GPs who are under-skilled, under-confident and under-rewarded in normal obstetric care. *Training, re-training and an appro*priate fee system would be better answers.

The Cumberlege report makes a comprehensive, positive case for making women's (and their partners') overall experience of birth a para*mount consideration, now that deaths* among newborns are at an all-time low and set to stay there.

Yours faithfully,
KATE SMITH
(Member, The National
Childbirth Trust),
1 Hillcrest, Crich,
Matlock, Derbyshire.
August 17.

Optimum population

From Mr Wouter A. Meijer

Sir, Your were right to pour scorn on the concept of "optimum population" (your leader, "Opt pop", and Nigel Hawkes's article, "It's nonsense, naturally", August 10).

Who is to define the optimum? Even assuming that such a notion could gain general acceptance (unlikely, given that it has found little or no support in the UN or in any UN agency), how could the criteria for *calculating the optimum for each* country or each region be agreed? And given the deep mistrust within the international community of demographically driven fertility goals, what measures for achieving the optimum would be acceptable? The concept is indeed naive.

You were wrong, however, then to imply that there is no population problem: and it was disingenuous of your leader writer to quote a UN projection for 150 years into the future, a projection which the UN itself regards as highly speculative, while ignoring its far more reliable short-term projections and analysis of the associated problems.

According to "State of World Population 1993":

Of the estimated one billion poor people in developing regions, some 450 million now live in low-potential agricultural areas. A similar number live in ecologically vulnerable areas susceptible to soil erosion, floods and other environmental hazards. These critical zones cannot sustain current inhabitants, let alone future generations.

The successful nations of the Pacific rim today are precisely those who have managed to substantially reduce their population growth rates. To suggest that increasing numbers are good for the economy is to hark back to the golden age of Adam Smith, a time of unlimited resources and boundless nature waiting to be exploited. That world has gone forever.

Yours faithfully,
WOUTER A. MEIJER
(Director, World Population
Foundation),
Derkinderenlaan 14, 1251 EM,
Laren, The Netherlands.
August 13.

From Mr David Willey

Sir, While our World Optimum Population Conference in Cambridge may not have produced very many right answers, we do feel we were asking the right questions, including the most important question of all: "What world population would be compatible with a good quality of life for everybody everywhere?"

In struggling to find some sort of answer to this — correct to the nearest billion? — one principle became increasingly clear. If average quality of life is to go up, then the number of people involved must eventually go down, not least because a major component of a good quality of life is a "highish" standard of living.

So far as the UK is concerned, the "optimum population" will depend on the indicator chosen from: food, energy, transport, space, environment, countryside, recreation, tourism and others.

After taking all these into consideration, together with due pinches of salt, we had to conclude that the optimum could not be more than 30 million and was probably far less.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WILLEY (Chairman,
Optimum Population Trust),
12 Meadowgate,
Urmston, Manchester 31.
August 16.

Marble halls

From The Commissioner of the Hong Kong Government Office

Sir, Mr P. R. Millest (letter, August 18) is concerned about the refurbishment of Government House in Hong Kong. The expenditure is, of course, the responsibility of the Hong Kong government and not the British government. The total cost will therefore be met by Hong Kong not United Kingdom tax payers.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN YAXLEY,
Commissioner,
Hong Kong Government Office,
6 Grafton Street, W1.
August 19.

From Mr Geoffrey N. Silman

Sir, Having read the letter from Mr P. R. Millest on the subject of the refurbishment of Government House, Hong Kong, I can only assume that the expenditure to which he refers is being incurred to comply with the covenants in the lease.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY N. SILMAN,
3-4 The Village,
North End Way, NW3.
August 18

Not made of stone

From Dr John Philip, FRS

Sir, The Statue of Liberty is no "stone lady" (television review, August 17), but an iron lady with a copper skin.

Sincerely,
JOHN PHILIP,
CNRS Laboratoire des Phénomènes
de Transport dans les Mélanges,
Immeuble Asterama 2,
Avenue du Téléport,
F-86360 Chasseneuil du Poitou,
France.
August 20.

Tory loyalties

From Mr Kenneth Warren

Sir, As a Conservative member of Parliament during the whole of Cecil Parkinson's varying career in the House of Commons, I am wondering if he and the Lord Parkinson whose hectoring article in "Forword" you quote (August 20) are in any way related. If they are, then there must have been a transfiguration through which he passed as he entered the Lords, because he has clearly forgotten the party loyalty he always enjoined upon his colleagues in the Commons.

I ask him to remind himself of the saying which has always been at the fingertips of secretaries: "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party."

Yours faithfully,
K. R. WARREN
(Conservative MP for Hastings, 1970-83, and Hastings and Rye, 1983-92),
Woodfield House, Goudhurst, Kent.
August 20.

Cures or placebos?

From Mr David Simons

Sir, Surely Dr E. J. McGrath (letter, August 14) unwittingly points out a basic flaw in the modern practice of homoeopathy.

The homoeopathic drug industry increasingly seems to be geared to the same criteria as its orthodox counterpart, in that most pharmacists now stock a range of prepackaged tablets, each bottle indicating the symptom at which the tablets are specifically targeted.

It would therefore appear that commercial expedience is making a mockery of an essential of true homoeopathy, namely the fundamental importance of the relation between symptom and life characteristics of a *particular sufferer.*

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SIMONS,
The Old Mill,
Calver Road,
Baslow, Derbyshire.
August 14.

Critics' choice

From Mr Alan Bradley

Sir, What punishment might the *Mikado have thought fitting for* drama and film critics who give away what are meant to be surprises for the audience?

Your reviewer of *The Tempest* at Stratford (August 13) describes how it begins with "a stage stripped of everything but a hamper from which there suddenly and alarmingly jumps a pale bulky figure", an effect clearly intended to startle, but now ruined for those of your readers unfortunate enough to have read your review.

Sadly, this is no isolated incidence of the deplorable practice.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BRADLEY,
30 Old Burlington Street, W1.

From Mr D. J. Bluestone

Sir, In the Rear View section (August 14) your critic writes of *Come Dancing*: "It's all very peculiar, a graceful ritual performed to horrible music by hairdressers and office workers."

Is *all* the music written by hairdressers and office workers, or just a significant amount of it? How does he know — is he a connoisseur of the genre? Since he finds the music "horrible", it is unlikely.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. BLUESTONE
(Non-dancing office worker)
741 High Road, N12.
August 18.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.R.G. Ainley and Miss V.L. Panton
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs John Ainley, of South Newington, Oxfordshire, and Victoria, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Panton, of Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Mr R. Granger and Miss S. Farzad
The engagement is announced between Rupert, elder son of Mr M. Granger, of London, and Lady Noel-Buxton, of Sussex, and Susan, elder daughter of Mrs M. Farzad and the late Mr F. Farzad.

Mr M.D. Griffin and Miss J.O. Coghlin
The engagement is announced between Mark David, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Griffin, of Burgess Hill, West Sussex, and Juliet Olivia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence Coghlin, of Keymer, West Sussex.

Mr C.W.G. Hadcock and Miss C.J. Harper
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr George Hadcock, of Wootton, Derbyshire and Mrs Margaret Hadcock, of Clapham, London, and Camilla, younger daughter of the Rev Roger and Mrs Harper, of St Marks, Isle of Man.

Mr M. Ilott and Miss S. Bishop
Mr and Mrs John Ilott are pleased to announce the engagement of their youngest son Mark (the Essex and England cricketer) to Miss Sandra Bishop, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ron Bishop, of Northwood.

***Mr P.R. Jagger* and Miss H.I. Green**
The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of the late Arthur and Ruby Jagger, and Harriet, eldest daughter of Andrew and Jane Green, of Harrow, Middlesex.

Mr S.N. Nurney and Miss G.M. Macwhirter
The engagement is announced between Simon Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Nurney, of Poringland, Norfolk, and Gillian Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Macwhirter, of Poynton, Cheshire.

Mr T.B. Stafford and Mrs J. Westacott
The engagement is announced between Thomas Bethune (Kip) Stafford, of Chillesford, Suffolk, and Jane, widow of John B. Westacott, of Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Marriages

Dr P.W. Kleyn and Miss J.L. Blight
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 21, 1993, at All Saints Church, Bisham, of Dr Patrick Willem Kleyn, son of Dr and Mrs Henri Kleyn, of Chavenay, France, and Miss Julie Blight, daughter of Dr Barry Blight and Mrs Remington Norman, of London. The Rev Charles Chadwick officiated.

Mr J. Odgers and Miss R. Campbell
The marriage took place on July 31, 1993, at Little Missenden, Buckinghamshire, between Mr John Odgers, son of Mr and Mrs Graeme Odgers, of Brome House, West Malling, Kent, and Miss *Romayne Campbell, daughter of* Air Vice Marshal and Mrs K. Archie Campbell, of Little Kingshill, Buckinghamshire.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Tracey Campbell and Mr John Laughland was best man.

Service appointments

Army

Brigadier
L D Curran - To MOD, 23.8.93

Colonels
B F Cox - To 21 Liaison HQ France, 23.8.93.
J C W Williams - To MOD, 23.8.93.

Lieutenant Colonels
M D Chambers R Anglian - to be Co Queen's Univ OTC 23.8.93; J R W Dutton RA - to RMCS, 23.8.93; I D Edwards RE - to be Comd Engr HQ Mil Wks Fce, 23.8.93; A M Gibson AAC - to be CO 1 Regt AAC, 23.8.93; C N Guthkelch RE -to RAF Staff Coll (Staff) 23.8.93; N J H Hinton 2GR - to be CO 6 GR, 23.8.93; A W H H Macleod RE - to be CO 38 Engr Regt, 23.8.93; M F N Mans RE - to be CO 21 Engr Regt, 23.8.93; C J Martindill AGC (ETS) - to be Comd AES Cyprus 27.8.93.

Royal Air Force

Wing Commander
E R Hannaford - to NATO Staff Northwood 16.8.93; J R Jones - to MOD/D Air Def 16.8.93; W Rice - to RAF PMC 23.8.93; P D Wilson - to HQRAFSC 23.8.93; K L Sherif - to RAF Halton 23.8.93; J D Bell - to RAF Tunsworth 23.8.93; J G Wreatcroft - to D Spt (POL) (RAF) 23.8.93.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Mark Kichenside, Vicar, St James the Great, Blendon: to be Vicar, St John, Welling (Rochester).

The Rev David Marston, non-stipendiary minister with permission to officiate, diocese Liverpool: to be non-stipendiary Minister, All Saints' and All Souls', Southport (Liverpool).

The Rev Jonathan Pearce, Curate, Newport Pagnell w Lathbury and Moulsoe (Oxford): to be Team Vicar, High Beach and Upshire in the Waltham Abbey Team Ministry (Chelmsford).

The Rev Mary Tillman, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Matthew, Bridgemary, Gosport: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), All Saints', Portsea, and adviser in ministry to people with disabilities (Portsmouth).

The Rev William Watts, Assistant Curate, South Molton Team Ministry (Exeter): to be Team Vicar, Swanage and Studland Team Ministry (Salisbury).

Nature notes

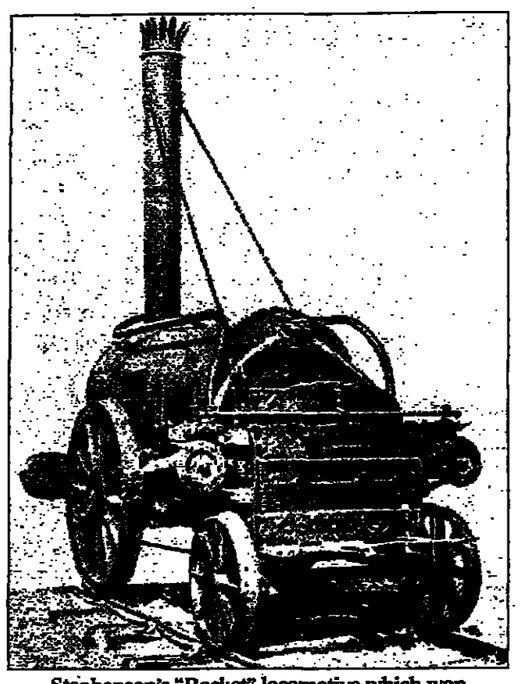
Linnets and greenfinches are gathering in small flocks to feed: they like to descend on clumps of charlock and persicaria and eat the seeds. When disturbed, they swing off into the sky, the greenfinches calling with a hard twitter, the linnets making softer, twanging notes. Yellowhammers are joining up with house sparrows on fieldside paths to look for spilt grain. Coal tits are beginning to sing again: they have a more rapid, piping song than the great tits. Grey wagtails (which have bright yellow breasts) are leaving the fast-running streams where they nested, and appearing by lakes and ponds.


The linnet

In some cornfields there are many flowers among the stubble: creamy-yellow field pansies, scarlet pimpernels, and the bright blue and white eyes of the sprawling fields of speedwell. Another plant occasionally seen with them, especially on sandy soils, is chaffweed: the tiny pink or white flowers, almost hidden between the stem and the leaf, are amongst the smallest flowers found in Europe. Hawthorn berries are turning bright red, and the first leaves are changing colour beside them. There are clusters of ripe elderberries where they have not been stripped down to their pink stems by woodpigeons and blackbirds. Fat, juicy blackberries are also waiting to be picked.

DJM


TED DITCHBURN
Jim Coulson, of the Robert Stephenson Trust, looking around the former Stephenson locomotive factory in Newcastle yesterday


Stephenson's "Rocket" locomotive which won the £500 prize in the Rainhill trials of 1829

Railway works get new head of steam

BY JOHN YOUNG

The world's first railway locomotive factory in Newcastle upon Tyne, where George Stephenson developed the "Rocket", is to be restored as a museum.

English Heritage has awarded a £100,000 grant to the Robert Stephenson Trust, named after his son, for essential repair work to the construction shed and offices at 20 South Street, Newcastle, part of George Stephenson's original railway works. Support has also been promised by Tyne and Wear Development Corporation and Sir Robert McAlpine.

The elder Stephenson, best known for creating the Rocket, was instrumental in making the steam engine an economically viable product. The museum will use models, contemporary documents and other material to demonstrate the development of the locomotive and Stephenson's other important inventions. The engine built at 20 South Street, known as the Stephenson locomotive, was also produced, with local modifications, all over Europe, India and North America.

Th site is the last remaining *Stephenson & Co factory* which retains its industrial grandeur. It was the first to make extensive use of glass in buildings other than conservatories, and the drainage system allowed multi-pitched roofs to cover huge areas.

The works were built between 1820 and 1835 and incorporate a Georgian townhouse used as the company's offices. The trust has launched an appeal to fund the remaining restoration and conversion. Donations can be sent to the appeal treasurer at 39 Newton Road, Great Ayton, Middlesbrough, TS9 6DT.


George Stephenson, who built the Rocket

Remains of 'first Welshmen' found

BY NORMAN HAMMOND
ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

MORE early human remains have been identified in deposits 200,000 years old in a Welsh cave. Placed within the general category of Neanderthal Man, the remains from Pontnewydd Cave are the most northwesterly specimens in Europe.

The new find, made during examination of numerous fragments of bone debris from the cave, consists of a lower right side first molar tooth with heavy wear. "It can confidently be attributed to an adult of mature years," Dr Stephen Aldhouse-Green, of the National Museum of Wales, said. "It is important because it increases the number of individuals represented at the site.

"All of the remains found so far have been examined by Dr Chris Stringer of the Natural History Museum, and we are now sure of at least two adults and from two to five juveniles. The previous adult found was in his or her twenties: the new find shows survival to a greater age," Dr Aldhouse-Green said.

Pontnewydd Cave, which lies a few miles southwest of St Asaph in Clwyd, is one of very *few sites in Britain to yield* early human remains: probably the most notable discovery so far is the Swanscombe Skull, dating to around 250,000 years ago and found in two fragments in northern Kent in 1935 and 1955.

Both it and the Welsh finds are now placed by palaeoanthropologists within the species of archaic *Homo sapiens*, an ancestor of both modern humans and the beetle-browed Classic Neanderthalers that lived in western Europe between about 100,000 and 35,000 years ago.

Recent controversy about the direct ancestry of modern humans, *Homo sapiens sapiens*, suggesting that our subspecies originated in Africa and only entered Europe around 50,000 years ago, leaves the precise relationship between what Dr Aldhouse-Green has called "the first Welshmen" and later inhabitants ambiguous.

Today's birthdays and anniversaries

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Appointments in the Forces

Territorial Army promotions
The Ministry of Defence announces the following promotions:

Major to Lieutenant Colonel
Lt Col J R Arkell TD RY, Lt Col J Astbury TD RLC, Lt Col N R Beard RWF, Lt Col N Brewer TD RLC, Lt Col R E Chatwonthy TD RLC, Lt Col A E Davies TD RLC, Lt Col L M Evanson-Goddard RLC, Lt Col A D Fenals OBE TD PWO, Lt Col K M H George RLC, Lt Col S Gowen RE, Lt Col W K Griffiths TD RLC, Lt Col S S Haywood TD RLC, Lt Col H E Homewood RLC, Lt Col M J N Hughes TD RLC, Lt Col R D L Hughes TD RLC, Lt Col M P Hyde TD RLC, Lt Col J A Iredale TD DWR, Lt Col R M Laing TD RLC, Lt Col M E Lamb TD PWO, Lt Col A F Lawrence RLC, Lt Col T Lees TD RLC, Lt Col C W M Milner-Williams TD RLC, Lt Col D M Moore RLC, Lt Col D T Morgan TD RLC, Lt Col E M Morrow TD RLC, Lt Col P J Mortimer OSO TD PWO, Lt Col P J Mount TD RLC, Lt Col R Othen RLC, Lt Col R A Pow TD RLC, Lt Col D J Sanders TD RLC, Lt Col J Schreuder RLC, Lt Col F M Scott TD RLC, Lt Col Seccombe TD RMLY, Lt Col C J Thewsley TD RLC, Lt Col D Swanson RLC, Lt Col W J Towyn MBE TD, Green Howards, Lt Col J P A J Turner TD RLC, Lt Col E G Waite-Roberts TD RLC, Lt Col R M Wilkinson TD RLC

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Ball

22nd (Cheshire) Regiment
Officers of the 3rd (V) Battalion the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment held their Summer ball in Chester on Saturday.

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CHEVES - On August 16th, to Mary (née Forde) and Simon, a daughter, Olivia Frances, a sister for Honor Rose.

HOOK - On August 18th in California to Simon and Jane a dear daughter, Charlotte Celeste.

HOSKINS - On 16th August, to Anne (née Grunsin) and Andrew, a daughter, Martha, a sister for Laura, Alice and Hannah.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

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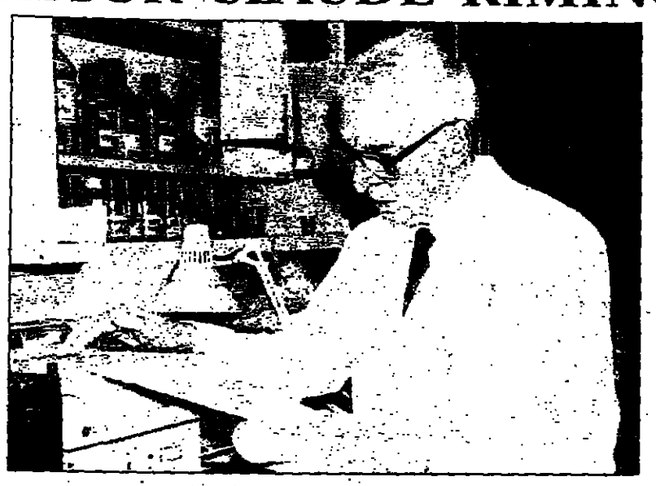
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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR CLAUDE RIMINGTON

Claude Rimington, FRS, biochemist, died in Askeroy, Norway, on August 8 aged 90. He was born in London on November 17, 1902.



CLAUDE RIMINGTON was the doyen of porphyrin chemists and the professor of chemical pathology at the University College Hospital Medical School in London for over twenty years. Virtually unknown outside the medical profession, he created a stir in 1968 with his BMA paper "Porphyria — A Royal Malady", which attempted to clear up the mystery over King George III's illness (thereby later providing Alan Bennett with the theme for a successful play).

This publicity came after a lifetime's useful work in the field of porphyrins — the pigments in chlorophyll and haemoglobin. Not a gifted administrator, Rimington was happiest when working long hours in the laboratory. A tall, slender man with aquiline features and a formal manner, he could seem forbidding when disturbed in the middle of his work, but was always ready to "talk shop" and to give advice to those needing it on research matters. He was also, unexpectedly for such a rational man, deeply religious and welcomed spiritual discussions.

Claude Rimington was the son of a businessman, and grew up in Hertfordshire. He was educated at Haberdashers' Aske's (then at Cricklewood), where he was fascinated by poetry and chemistry. Holidays gave him a chance to haunt the museums in South Kensington — the Science Museum, Natural History Museum, and the Old Imperial Institute, the latter being a particular favourite because of its "romantic atmosphere".

During the first world war he helped his sister at a canteen for troops in King's Cross. Afterwards he had a serious breakdown in health and spent a year in Devon recuperating and writing poetry. Fully recovered in 1921, he went up to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he gained a first in biochemistry (he was taught by J. B. S. Haldane), and another first from the University of London.

In 1925, he began his first piece of serious research, supervised by Professor H. D. Kay. He also paid his first visit to Norway and Denmark where he met Professor Sorensen under whose supervision he worked for a time. Professor Lindestrom-Lang became another lifelong friend, and the highlight of his trip was hearing a lecture given by Marie Curie.

Back in Cambridge, Rimington went on researching into phospho-proteins and protein-bound-carbohydrate complexes and gained his doctorate from London in 1928. The atmosphere of the Cambridge biochemical laboratory was stimulating. Gathered there were such bright lights as Gowland Hopkins, Robin Hill, Muriel Onslow, Henry Quastel, Joseph Needham, Haldane, Rudolf Lemberg and Albert Szent-Gyorgyi. However, in 1928, Claude decided to accept an offer to set up a new Biochemical Department for the Wool Research Association in Leeds. At the same time, he married Soffi Andersen — a young Norwegian from Askeroy near Lyngor — whom he had met in London.

In 1930, he won a research scholarship from the Empire Marketing Board and took a post at the Onderstepoort Veterinary Research Laboratory in Pretoria, South Africa, for the chemical investigation of plants poisonous to livestock. Here he suffered one of the greatest tragedies of his life — the death of his infant son.

It was while investigating the ovine disease Geeldikkop ("yellow thick head") in 1935 that Rimington first became interested in porphyrins. Sir Arnold Theiler showed him some bones that had been sent in by a field veterinary officer from Swaziland. These bones were chocolate-brown in colour. Rimington later recollected: "The reddish-brown bone looked exactly like illustrations of the skeletal discolouration seen in the extremely rare human disease, congenital erythropoietic porphyria." He later confirmed his theory by comparison with a known example of that human condition.

In 1937, he left South Africa to take a position as biochemist, offered by Sir Henry Dale at the Medical Research Council's National Institute for Medical Research in Hampstead. Here Claude studied the copper-containing red porphyrin complex present in the wing-feathers of the Turacos. Hans Fischer, an expert on the subject and a Nobel laureate, had classified the porphyrin involved as uroporphyrin I. The Natural History Museum helped Rimington's investigation by loaning plumage from several species of the birds which he duly examined — discovering that the uroporphyrin involved actually belonged to the isomeric series III — publishing his results through the Royal Society in 1939. It took some courage for him to challenge Fischer's erroneous identification but his findings were later fully corroborated by the work of others.

On the outbreak of war, he and his family were on holiday in Norway. Rimington returned to England, and his family were subsequently trapped in Norway after its invasion by the Germans until the end of the war. Rimington volunteered to go with the British forces to Narvik, but was refused because of his lack of military experience. In the event he had to settle for joining the Home Guard.

Despite the unhappy domestic background, Rimington continued to work well, researching problems related to the war effort in Hampstead. One of his investigations was into whether the use of carrots as a dietary supplementary would improve the night vision of fighter pilots. In May 1945, he took up the chair of chemical pathology at the University College Hospital Medical School and later that year, following the liberation of Norway on May 17, 1945, was reunited with his family.

After more than twenty years, he vacated the University College Hospital chair in 1968. This was the year in which he published the BMA paper "Porphyria — A Royal Malady" jointly with the psychiatric historians, Ida Macalpine and Richard Hunter. On the basis of the available evidence, the paper concluded that King George III had suffered from an inherited abnormality of porphyrin metabolism known as Variegate Porphyria.

Rimington retired to Norway, but continued to travel. He was made the Royal Society visiting professor to Israel in 1968 and 1969 and worked with colleagues in Argentina, Denmark and South Africa.

Honours were heaped upon him. He was elected to the fellowship of the Royal Society in 1954, made an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 1967 and an honorary member of the Biochemical Society in 1989. He was appointed a knight (1st class) of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit in 1989 and was proud to have drunk a "skal" with King Olav V on that occasion.

Rimington retired to his island home on Askeroy. Sailing was always a favourite hobby but he also loved literature. His early reading was indiscriminate, though he subsequently became known as a skilful translator of philosophy, poetry and scientific treatises, working from English, and even the Scots vernacular, into Norwegian and back again.

He is survived by his wife and their daughter.

KASDI MERBAH

Kasdi Merbah, the former security chief, prime minister and opposition leader of Algeria, was assassinated near Algiers on August 21 aged 55. He was born near Rabat, Morocco, in 1938.



KASDI MERBAH was one of the original founders of the Algerian state and became, for three decades, one of its most prominent figures. After his dismissal as prime minister in 1989, he tried to rally the supporters of the late socialist president Houari Boumédienne and offered the country a mild form of Islamic government. But when he urged Muslim militants to lay down their arms earlier this year, he became a principal target for them. He was the only opposition leader to advocate such a policy.

Born Abdallh Khalaf into a wealthy Berber family of Algerian origin near the Moroccan city of Rabat, he became involved there in Arab nationalist politics while still at school. With the return of his family to Algiers, his education was further interrupted, causing him never to attain a reputation for being a cultured man.

Khalaf joined the nascent Front de Libération Nationale (FLN) to press for independence from France in 1956 and, as a member of the so-called Oujda group — known after the Moroccan frontier town of that name — gathered around Boumédienne, he quickly rose in the guerrilla hierarchy, becoming head of operational information in the FLN's military wing in 1960. He gave himself the nom de guerre of Kasdi Merbah during that period.

Between 1961 and 1962, he was a member of a delegtion of FLN leaders that negotiated with France, and he was appointed director of military security, an organisation better known as "the political police", in the new state. Merbah occupied that post until 1978, causing him to be a hated figure by the general public and enabling him to play an important part in the overthrow of President Ben Bella by General Boumédienne, the army commander, in 1965.

Following the sudden death of the latter in 1978, Merbah was given a number of minor ministerial appointments by President Chadli Benjedid, until he was asked to form a new reformist cabinet after the food riots of November 1988. However, he lasted as prime minister for only a year, being dismissed by Benjedid for not being bold enough.

In January 1992 Benjedid resigned, apparently under pressure from the army, when it appeared that the scheduled final round of the parliamentary elections would result in a landslide by Muslim militants. By then Merbah had set up his own opposition party, the Movement for Justice and Development, which tried to unite moderate Muslims and the former socialist supporters of the late President Boumédienne under a single flag.

He remained, however, a stauch opponent of religious government and became the only opposition leader earlier this year to write an open letter to Muslim miliants seeking a peaceful solution to the current stalemate.

His 24-year-old son Hakim was among those who died with him. He is survived by two other children.

GEORGE KEYT

George Keyt, Sri Lankan artist, died in Colombo on July 31 aged 92. He was born in Kandy on April 17, 1901.

ALTHOUGH he received a largely Christian and Europeanised education at Trinity College, Kandy, George Keyt did not venture outside Sri Lanka and India until his 79th year, when he made a short visit to England. His personal life was Europeanised, but this never appeared in his art. Although the British literary influence on him as a schoolboy was powerful, the intensity of local life instilled in Keyt from an early age a lifelong aesthetic nationalism and a spirit of reaction against the dominance of foreign culture.

The origins of his family are obscure. His grandfather and father had both married into Dutch burgher families, descendants of early Dutch colonists of the coast of Ceylon. There were only some 200 such families, so George Keyt shared some of the same ancestors through both his father and his mother. The family had a high social position, the ruling British population being mostly temporary residents, with their real homes elsewhere.

Keyt left Trinity College when he was 17 and received no higher education. But, being a precocious boy and a great reader, he had virtually enjoyed a university education already. He won prizes for poetry, and began to contribute articles, poems and drawings to the newspapers, mainly on Buddhist and Hindu historical and religious themes.

Soon after his father's death, in 1927, Keyt decided to make painting his life. His work at that time shows an acute and careful observation of people and their surroundings, always Sinhalese and Tamil. When exhibited in 1928, 1929 and 1930 his pictures were furiously denounced in the press, for reasons that are now difficult to understand. But he also had his supporters, the most important of whom was the Chilean poet, Pablo Neruda, who then held a consular post in Colombo.

In 1936 Keyt and Justiun Deraniyagala, son of Sir Paul Pieris, Ceylon's trade commissioner in London, held a joint exhibition in Colombo. Among Keyt's contributions was *Sringara Rasa*, now in the collection of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The split between Keyt's personal life and his aesthetic and historical instincts came to a climax about 1937, when his first marriage was collapsing. This tension can be sensed in some of his paintings and poetry.

For two years from 1940 Keyt lived in a very isolated village and painted little. When he resumed in 1942, it was with a new intensity. But he did not reappear in Colombo until the first exhibition of the '43 Group, there, in 1943.

The marriage of Keyt's sister Peggy to Harold Peiris, a member of an important Sinhalese family, was important to Keyt. Peiris had taken a degree in law at St John's College, Cambridge, and then studied Sanskrit at Göttingen. He believed in the teachings of Marx and Freud, and Keyt's introduction to Marxism through Peiris reinforced his feeling that the British should not be allowed to dominate Sri Lanka's population and traditions (at that time the horrors of Marxist Stalinism were little understood).

Peiris virtually taught Sanskrit to Keyt, an apt pupil, while the latter was putting Jayadeva's 11th or 12th century poem, the *Gita Govinda*, into English verse. It was published in Kandy in 1940, and republished in Bombay in 1948 with line drawings by Keyt. The poem deals with Krishna's love for the milkmaid Radha.

The first exhibition of the '43 Group was criticised in the official army newspaper as "conceited". But the Group thrived and in 1947 Keyt moved to Bombay and had a number of important exhibitions there and in New Delhi in subsequent years.

Keyt had two one-man exhibitions in London. The first was in 1954 at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, organised by Sir Roland Penrose. The second was held at the Patrick Seale Gallery in 1982. Keyt attended neither because of his reluctance to leave Sir Lanka and India.

When Evelyn Waugh was having a nervous breakdown in Ceylon, part of which he describes in *The Ordeal of Gilbert Pinfold*, he called on Keyt in his house in Sirimalwatte, and gave an entertaining account in a letter to his wife. Keyt's descriptions of the meeting were equally diverting to listen to.

Keyt's painting and poetry have not received general recognition outside Sri Lanka and India. He did not visit Europe and America to promote his art. Nevertheless, he had his admirers in England, Germany, Switzerland and the United States.

Keyt was three times married: he leaves his third wife, Kusum and one son.



Woman with cup by George Keyt, 1982

DOROTHY HOPKINSON

Dorothy Hopkinson, writer and lay psychoanalyst, died on August 4 aged 90. She was born in Cambridge on March 29, 1903.



MARRIED three times, Dorothy (Lady) Hopkinson was the wife of two writers — Hugh Kingsmill and Tom (later Sir Tom) Hopkinson. Despite her otherwise liberated outlook, she never felt the need to compete with her husbands professionally. But her influence on their output was considerable.

Hugh Kingsmill-Lunn, the critic and novelist, was the son of the package holiday entrepreneur, Sir Henry Lunn. Once his father had withdrawn his allowance, he was perpetually short of money, and no one was less capable of holding down a job. It was Dorothy's steadying influence which enabled him to concentrate on his literary work. She did this partly by keeping at bay the friends and drinking companions — figures such as Malcolm Muggeridge and Hesketh Pearson — who constantly threatened to distract him. Later she performed much the same service for Tom Hopkinson, whom she met at an equally low stage in his career. With his heyday as editor of *Picture Post* behind him, Dorothy persuaded him to start a new life in South Africa.

Largely self-educated, she was born Dorothy Vernon and grew up in Morley, near Leeds, the eldest daughter of two music hall artistes. At the age of 12, she was sent to work at the local mill, but left home at 19 to become a revue dancer in London and Paris. She was briefly married to Sydney Cowan, a Lithuanian, by whom she had a son.

In 1928 she met the then celebrated writer, William Gerhardie, on the top of a double-decker bus. Gerhardie was on his way to the Gargoyle Club, as was Dorothy, who was also at that moment, by coincidence, reading one of his novels — *Futility*. Recognising its author from the photograph on the book jacket, she introduced herself. The couple quickly became close friends.

Emancipated and well-read, Gerhardie found in her, at this point, the ideal companion. She introduced him to her wide circle of friends, including the sculptor Jacob Epstein, and the following year he introduced her to Hugh Kingsmill. Kingsmill and Dorothy quickly fell in love.

Gerhardie was unhappy about this turn of events, claiming, in characteristically chauvinistic tones, that this was the second woman Kingsmill had stolen from him. When Dorothy wrote to thank him for introducing her to her future husband, he replied with a curt invoice: "One (Hugh Kingsmill) Lunn, complete with boots, deliverable at domicile, POD, discount on cash."

Thus began a marked cooling in their relationship. For his part, Gerhardie was jealous of her influence on Kingsmill, and when in 1964 Michael Holroyd (a protégé of Gerhardie's) produced a biography of Kingsmill, the wounds were still deep enough for Dorothy, as Kingsmill's literary executor, to refuse to co-operate. Her portrait in the biography is less than flattering.

The romance with Hugh Kingsmill was not always smooth. At one point Dorothy handed him the manuscript of her first and only novel. Some time later, she asked what he thought of the book, only to be told that he had accidentally left it on the Underground. Despite this, the couple were married in 1934, dividing their time between their homes in Hastings and Lake Geneva.

Dorothy was strict about her husband's use of his time — apart from a dress-making business, which she ran in the 1930s, the family was wholly dependent on his income as an author. Many of his old friends felt excluded by the new arrangement, a feeling exacerbated by Kingsmill's insistence on keeping his life in compartments.

At the same time as bringing up their three children, Dorothy was studying the new science of psycholanysis and setting herself up as a lay practitioner. One of the first to consult her was her friend Antonia White, who had produced nothing since the publication of her well-received first novel *Frost in May* (1933). Her writer's block was notorious but analysis appears to have led to it being temporarily alleviated.

Antonia White's third husband had been the journalist Tom Hopkinson. In 1949, Hugh Kingsmill died and at around the same time Dorothy met Hopkinson (who had been through another marriage since being divorced by Antonia White). He also initially came to her for psychoanalysis but three years later, in 1953, they were married.

Hopkinson tried to make a living as a freelance journalist before in 1957 being persuaded by Dorothy to accept the editorship of *Drum*, which had been founded by Anthony Sampson as a picture magazine for young Africans in Johannesburg. After four stormy years there, the Hopkinsons moved to Nairobi, where in 1963 Tom launched the International Press Institute's journalism training centre.

The couple returned to England four years later, and Hopkinson set up schools of journalism at the University of Sussex and at Cardiff. At the same time, Dorothy introduced her husband to the works of the Indian guru Meher Baba. Their jointly-written biography *Much Silence: The Life and Work of Meher Baba*, was published in 1974. Tom Hopkinson was knighted in 1978 and died in 1990.

Dorothy Hopkinson is survived by two daughters and a son by her second husband, Hugh Kingsmill. The son from her first marriage died earlier this year.

A PRISONER OF WAR

The following is from the *Transvaal Argus*:

"Trooper Rickers, belonging to one of the corps engaged in hostilities against Secocoeni and who has been missing for some time, has come in with a remarkable story of his adventures during his peregrinations. He appears to have been captured by the enemy and taken to Secocoeni's, where he was right royally treated and sent away with a present of £5 from the chief and a letter to prove that he had been in the kraal. We have had an account of his experience sent us, which we are assured is as nearly as possible as he told it himself:-

'My horse being knocked up, I was ordered to remain with the Caffres at Murder Kop, with Mr. Tainton, but as I did not rightly comprehend my instructions, I continued on the march and re-joined my troop, which was B troop, Ferreira's Horse, and I remained with them till the first lot of cattle were taken. After this, I got separated from the main body and fell in with five others who had also lost themselves. They were Peter Grant, Abrahams, Blackburn, George, and St. Croix. We rode throughout the morning without finding the spoor of the main body. My horse by this time was so exhausted that I shouted to the men and wanted them to stop, but they went on, and were frequently 200 yards ahead of me. At length I was left alone altogether, as I could not keep up with them ...

"While going along I saw large troops of cattle, and at noon I observed a Caffre town in front of me. Two Caffre women saw me and gave the alarm. I then hid my gun in the bush. I was beaten and scratched by the women, and some men came out and took me into a kraal. I told them that I had left Middelburg drunk and had lost the road, but they laughed at me. They, however, gave me something to eat and drink. After this, I was marched off to Secocoeni's town, about six miles away. Here the men came out in thousands and I was beaten with sticks. A brother of Secocoeni's came out and took me up to Secocoeni's kraal. Secocoeni sent to say that I must not be afraid, and ordered that I should be taken to a hut and tied up. In the evening I had an interview with Secocoeni and told him the same story about the reason of my being in the neighbourhood. The chief said he was not such a fool as to believe that. He then gave me some beer, and dismissed me, saying that I must not be afraid, as he would see that I should be sent to the fort safely. The next day I did not see the chief, but on the day after he sent for me and told me to speak the truth. I was shown four rifles (one of which I recognised as mine) and 15 cartridges. Secocoeni then produced the arm and hand of a white man and said the five men had been seen and two were dead. I confessed that I belonged to Ferreira's Horse. He then said that he had given his word, and I should go, and added that he knew as well as a white man how to treat a prisoner ...

'In the morning, I was brought on the road to the fort. Secocoeni's brother was with me, and before leaving he gave me ten half-sovereigns in gold. Secocoeni wanted to know why the war was still carried on and peace not made ...'"

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NEWS

Spy funding out of shadows

■ The financing of the three intelligence services is to be removed from the Secret Vote and subjected to a stricter value-for-money test than at any time since they were founded.

This latest attempt to bring the intelligence services into the open and to make them more accountable publicly will be introduced as a new administrative procedure, following legislation due in the next parliamentary session..... **Page 1**

Athletes regain sporting glory

■ The spirit of *Chariots of Fire* was rekindled in Stuttgart yesterday as British athletes celebrated their most successful world championships. With 11 medals the team lifted some of the dark clouds which settled over the football and cricket scenes this summer..... **Pages 1, 17, 19**

Secrecy abandoned

One of the most secret courts in the country, the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, where up to 200 lawyers face charges of professional misconduct every year, is to open its hearings to the public for the first time ..... **Page 1**

Prisons plan

Michael Howard's plans to make prison life "more austere" were welcomed by Tory backbenchers yesterday, but condemned by the *opposition as a bid to win* plaudits from the Conservative party conference ..... **Page 2**

Lockerbie setback

Relatives of the Pan Am passengers killed in the 1988 Lockerbie bombing fear that their fight for compensation from the airline faces a legal reversal..... **Page 5**

Witnesses in fear

Criminals are intimidating increasing numbers of people to stop them testifying or to change their stories in the witness box, according to a senior judge **Page 3**

Gunman held up

A masked gunman was disarmed by a woman of 60 when he tried to raid the Bradford jeweller's shop where she worked.... **Page 5**

Plumbing the depths

A British engineer is putting the final touches to a expedition using a high technology underwater craft to reach the floor of the Challenger Deep, a chasm nearly seven miles below the Pacific off the island of Guam..... **Page 6**

Clinton distracted

Although President Clinton is trying to prove that he can relax, playing golf on his holiday at Martha's Vineyard. But the political realities of Washington are intruding on his break .....**Page 8**

Rodney King held

Rodney King, who was beaten by white police officers in Los Angeles, leading to rioting after their acquittal, was arrested for drunk driving.....**Page 8**

Yeltsin ally quits

Sergei Glazyev, Russia's foreign trade minister and one of the youngest members of President Yeltsin's reform team, resigned as the corruption scandal in government ranks deepened.....**Page 7**

Bosnia braced

Muslims and Croats are preparing themselves for a final showdown in the central Bosnia town of Gornji Vakuf. Once the home of 25,000 people, it has been reduced to a shell.....**Page 7**

Militants to die

In the latest crackdown on Egyptian fundamentalists, a military court in Cairo sentenced four militants to death at the weekend, bringing the number condemned to die to 25 since December **Page 9**

Tourists at risk

British travellers risk contracting serious diseases abroad by ignoring medical advice from the World Health Organisation about the resurgence of tuberculosis, cholera, and malaria **Page 9**

Queen Victoria's doll for auction

■ A doll called Sophie, discovered on BBC television's Antiques Roadshow, is to be auctioned for an estimated £18,000 at Christie's in London next month. The doll, made by Francois Gaultier in the 1870s, was a gift from Queen Victoria to an Indian princess and was identified when the Roadshow stopped at Pembroke last November..... **Page 9**



A musketeer from the Fairfax Brigade of the English Civil War Society grimaces in firing his weapon at the Tower of London yesterday in commemorating the 1643 victories that marked a turning point for the anti-royalist forces in the Civil War

SPORT

Football: Liverpool moved to the top of the Premier League by winning 5-0 away to Swindon Town with two goals from Steve McManaman and one each from Neil Ruddock, Ronnie Whelan and Mike Marsh.....**Page 22**

Golf: Ian Woosnam ensured his place in the European team for the Ryder Cup at the Belfry next month by winning the Murphy's English Open at Forest of Arden yesterday by two strokes from Constantino Rocca of Italy ..... **Page 20**

Cricket: Australia start the final day of the sixth Test match at the Oval today needing 390 runs to beat England, who were bowled out for 313..... **Page 17, 19**

BUSINESS

Gas division: British Gas could be split into as many as ten separate companies ahead of the 1997 deadline set for the break up of the monopoly ..... **Page 32**

Housing stagnation: The economic recovery could run out of steam without a rise in house prices, according to Lehman Brothers, the investment bank..... **Page 32**

Booming pay: Private sector pay rises are racing ahead of public sector settlements, according to a survey published by Incomes Data Services, the employment consultant. Fewer firms are imposing pay freezes than three months ago and deals are being enhanced by merit and productivity awards .. **Page 32**

FEATURES

Sexual risk: "Never mind what mothers try to tell their daughters. What I want to know is, who tells the boys? Who drums into them the new sexual etiquette: that no girl is ever 'asking for it'?" Libby Purves on modern courtship..... **Page 10**

Virtue of austerity: "At the moment fashion seems to be making no statement at all. Designers are keen to present a more honest, straightforward style." Iain R. Webb on basic shapes..... **Page 11**

Clever chips: "Grandmasters used to come to computer chess tournaments to laugh. Now they come to look. Soon they will come to learn." David Levy on chess-playing silicon chips..... **Page 10**

ARTS

Forgotten virtues: The Edinburgh Fringe is teaching playwrights one thing: the value of brevity. Benedict Nightingale joined the punters trying to pack seven or even eight visits to the theatre in a day **Page 25**

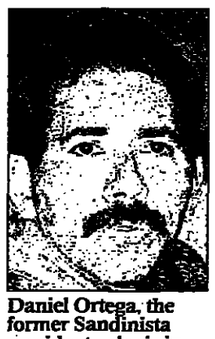
Still shining: An evening of Fifties nostalgia forms part of this year's Edinburgh Festival. But with Tiller Girls doing the cancan, and Susan Maughan impersonating a snake, is it really art? ..... **Page 25**

Art and soul? Is the trumpeter Wynton Marsalis the Chosen One who saved jazz from disintegration? Or is he a great technician with wonderful taste and no emotional heart? His appearance at the Proms revived the debate.. **Page 25**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Lord Beloff says the Conservatives must undertake an enquiry into why the economy has been so badly run if they are to see their way back to success Page 6



Daniel Ortega, the former Sandinista president, who is involved in negotiations to have hostages held by guerrillas released in Nicaragua Page 8



José Waller may be 71, but as world marathon record holder in her age group she is training hard for the Reebok/*The Times* national fun run Page 3

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Thumbs up, thumbs down

■ When a West End show closes ahead of schedule because of bad reviews, it is the critics who get the blame. But just how powerful are the men and women who sit in judgment on London's theatre?

Adrian Mole all at sea

■ Sue Townsend's comic tale continues: a luxury cruise beckons for Adrian Mole at a bargain-basement £300 price

Black humour out of Africa

■ "A dictator who campaigns in a fake election with a label classifying him 'Messiah-Democrat' can hardly lack a sense of humour." Bernard Levin on Africa

TV LISTINGS

An inspiring series comes to an end with Howard Jacobson's drive through Australia, looking for opals, from the southern town of Glenelg to Darwin in the north, *Travellers' Tales: Into the Land of Oz* (Channel 4, 9.00pm) ... **Page 31**

OPINION

Unhappy returns

He has increased China's material wealth fourfold: but he will leave it still backward, incorrigibly corrupt and above all, politically ossified and savagely repressed. But although he turned 89 yesterday, nobody is expected to believe in Den Xiaoping's retirement ..... **Page 13**

The Hamas effect

In four days Islamic extremists have murdered a former Algerian prime minister and made an attempt on the life of Egypt's interior minister. If Israel's Mr Rabin once saw Hamas as a counter to the PLO, he should now see the PLO as a counter to Hamas ..... **Page 13**

Third age gold

In the long run, old age is an incurable disease. The grown-ups of the Western world should become once again role-models for their feckless youngers and silliers ..... **Page 13**

DOMINS

PETER RIDDELL

Britain's policy towards the Bosnian war has underestimated the possible implications for Europe's long-term security of the West's half-hearted approach..... **Page 12**

MATTHEW PARRIS

Matthew the poodle bites back: "The mistake women most often make about men is to build them into something they are not. They seem to think we're humans, like them" ..... **Page 12**

LETTERS

Childbirth at home has largely been abandoned. Is this the right decision? ..... **Page 13**

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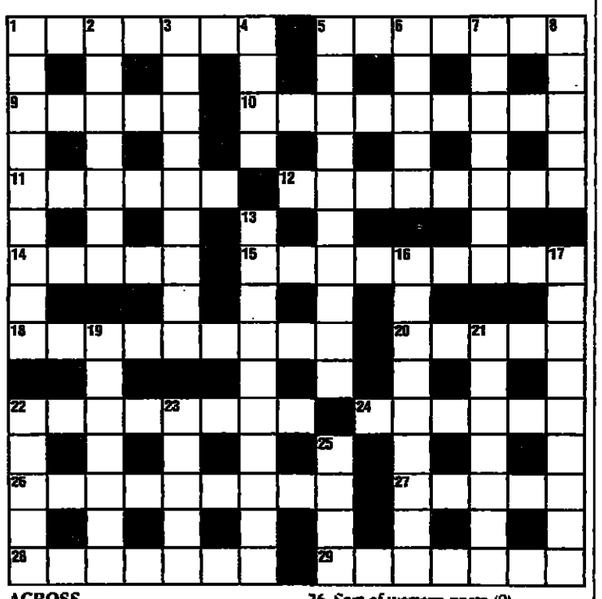
Washington seems to be slipping away from the threat of Nato air strikes. The Muslims deserve more support. Last week's would-be tiger is this week's familiar pussycat

— The Washington Post

Mr Clinton's decision to relax with mainstream millionaires at Martha's Vineyard is of interest. He is headed smack into the belly of the beast he pledged to control: the Washington establishment

— The New York Times

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WEATHER

Southern Britain will start dry with sunny periods but become cloudier as blustery and showery conditions already in Scotland and Northern Ireland spread southwards by the afternoon. Some of the showers will be heavy with a chance of hail and thunder. Later in the day, showers will become less intense over northern and western areas. Outlook: Showers gradually dying down by Wednesday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog, s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Alaccio	29	84	s	Madrid	29	84	s
Akrotiri	31	88	s	Majorca	31	88	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malaga	29	84	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Malta	32	90	s
Amst'dm	11	52	r	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Athens	32	90	s	Miami*	35	95	s
Bahrain	39	102	s	Milan	30	86	s
Bangkok	32	90	t	Montreal*	18	64	c
Barbados*	30	86	f	Moscow	16	61	r
Barcelona	28	82	s	Munich	30	86	s
Beirut	28	82	s	Nairobi	25	77	t
Belgrade	35	95	s	Naples	33	91	s
Berlin	17	63	t	N Delhi	36	95	s
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Gatwick airport, 26C (79F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Scotland, 11C (52F), highest rainfall: Kirkwall, Orkney, 0 2in, highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, 12 8hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 13C (56F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0 04 Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0 1hr

GLASGOW

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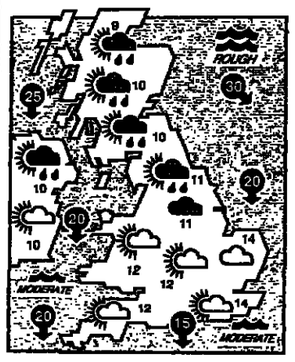
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Anglesey	6.8	0.01	17	63	bright
Aviemore	7.4	0.02	16	61	shower
Belfast	2.7	0.02	15	59	bright
Birmingham	2.8	-	20	68	cloudy
Bognor Regis	12.8	-	24	75	sunny
Bournemouth	9.5	-	25	77	bright
Bristol	4.8	-	23	73	bright
Buxton	6.5	0.07	17	63	bright
Cardiff	0.4	0.01	19	66	rain
Clacton	9.9	-	23	73	sunny
Colwyn Bay	5.7	0.11	16	61	bright
Cromer	3.2	-	18	64	bright
Eastbourne	9.5	-	19	66	bright
Edinburgh	8.8	-	17	63	bright
Eskdalemuir	5.5	-	15	59	bright
Exmouth	4.5	-	23	73	bright
Folkestone	6.7	-	22	72	bright
Glasgow	2.9	-	17	63	cloudy
Hastings	11.8	-	21	70	sunny
Hunstanton	6.2	-	19	66	bright
Isle of Man	7.0	0.05	17	63	bright
Jersey	8.4	-	25	77	bright
Kinloss	2.8	-	16	61	cloudy
Leeds	11.8	0.04	21	70	sunny
Lerwick	2.3	0.20	11	52	shower
Littlehampton	12.6	-	22	72	sunny
Liverpool	7.4	0.17	18	61	bright
London	9.4	-	24	75	sunny
Lowestoft	1.0	-	18	64	cloudy
Manchester	6.6	0.04	19	66	bright
Margate	10.8	-	25	77	sunny
Minehead	X	-	19	66	cloudy
Morecambe	7.6	0.15	18	64	bright
Newcastle	8.0	-	19	66	sunny
Newquay	2.7	0.01	20	68	bright
Nottingham	8.3	-	21	70	bright
Plymouth	5.6	-	20	68	cloudy
Poole	8.1	-	25	77	bright
Salcombe	4.2	-	20	68	bright
Sandown	9.9	-	23	73	sunny
Saunton Snd	-	-	19	66	cloudy
Scarborough	10.8	-	16	61	sunny
Scilly Isles	2.0	0.01	19	66	shower
Shanklin	9.5	-	23	73	sunny
Southend	8.0	-	25	77	sunny
Southsea	11.5	-	23	73	sunny
Stornoway	7.7	0.08	14	57	bright
Swanage	7.7	-	20	68	sunny
Teignmouth	6.8	0.02	21	70	bright
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Weymouth	9.6	-	21	70	bright

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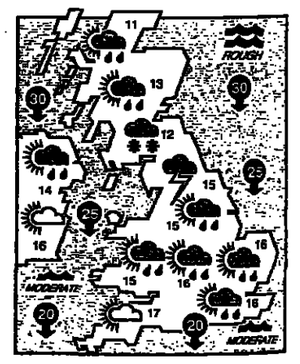
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Belgium Fr	56.46	52.06
Canada $	2.096	1.936
Cyprus CypE	0.802	0.752
Denmark Kr	10.97	10.17
Finland Mkk	9.35	8.551
France Fr	9.34	8.84
Germany Dm	2.70	2.46
Greece Dr	371.60	346.80
Hong Kong $	12.31	11.31
Ireland Pt	1.13	1.05
Italy Lira	2495.79	2340.79
Japan Yen	176.15	155.65
Netherlands Gld	3.02	2.79
Norway Kr	11.56	10.76
Portugal Esc	250.00	268.50
South Africa Rd	5.66	4.96
Spain Pta	212.96	198.96
Sweden Kr	12.55	11.75
Switzerland Fr	2.37	2.19
Turkey Lira	17900.0	16900.0
USA $	1.603	1.473

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PM



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Bristol 8.46 pm to 5.39 am
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Manchester 8.50 pm to 5.32 am
Penzance 8.57 pm to 5.52 am

Sun rises: 5 59 am — Sun sets: 8 07 pm

Moon rises 1.42 pm — Moon sets 10.28 pm

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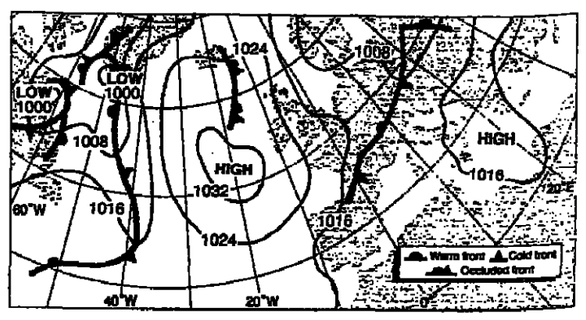
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B'mngham	12	54	c	Inverness	11	52	c
Blackpool	13	55	f	Jersey	16	61	f
Bristol	15	59	c	London	14	57	c
Cardiff	14	57	c	M'nchster	12	54	c
Edinburgh	13	55	c	Newcastle	11	52	f
Glasgow	13	55	f	R'nidsway	14	57	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.23	6.9	6.37	7.0	Liverpool	3.34	9.4	4.00	8.9
Aberdeen	5.49	4.3	6.25	3.8	Lowestoft	1.58	2.3	2.05	2.6
Avonmouth	11.54	12.4	—	—	Margate	4.34	4.6	4.42	4.8
Belfast	3.30	3.5	3.57	3.2	Milford Haven	10.53	6.5	11.16	6.4
Cardiff	11.39	11.5	11.58	11.3	Newquay	9.48	6.6	10.12	6.4
Devonport	—	—	—	—	Oban	—	—	—	—
Dover	3.23	6.4	3.47	6.5	Penzance	9.40	5.2	10.03	5.1
Falmouth	10.00	4.8	10.22	4.8	Portland	—	—	—	—
Glasgow	5.11	5.2	5.48	4.7	Portsmouth	—	—	—	—
Harwich	4.19	4.0	4.35	4.1	Shoreham	3.40	6.1	4.01	6.1
Holyhead	2.37	5.6	3.06	5.2	Southampton	3.13	4.4	3.43	4.4
Hull	10.45	7.6	11.19	7.0	Swansea	10.56	9.1	11.20	8.9
Ilfracombe	10.36	8.7	10.58	8.5	Tees	8.14	5.3	8.49	4.9
King's Lynn	11.02	6.7	11.37	6.0	Wilton-on-Nze	4.14	4.2	4.29	4.3
Leith	7.25	5.5	7.55	5.2					

NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

MONDAY AUGUST 23 1993

England's chances hinge on weather

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE OVAL (fourth day of five): Australia, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 390 runs to beat England

AUSTRALIA'S cricketers may be sated, weary and thinking of home but they are in danger, today, of having the curtain-call of a triumphant tour ruined. After a summer of subservience, England have taken charge of the sixth and final Test match.

Although they were frustrated by the first serious rain interruptions of the series, which extracted 34 overs from play yesterday, England still have a full day to dismiss the Australians and soothe their pains.

At 4-0 down, it could be said that the servants are running the house while the master is on holiday, but this has been such a depressing year for the England team that nothing could lessen the impact of a victory.

In the play that was possible *between morning and evening* rain, England's last five wickets added a further 113 runs, with Mark Ramprakash scoring his maiden Test half-century. Australia were left the equivalent of four sessions to score 391, a target only twice attained in Test history, but had made only one of them, from 4.2 testing overs, when the skies closed in.

Whatever the outcome now — and with the weather uncertain and the pitch still virtually unmarked, the odds must favour a draw — England have performed here with more purpose and authority than at any stage of the summer. Notwithstanding the mental and physical fatigue afflicting the touring team, this reflects credit on Michael Atherton, who today will officially be appointed as captain for the winter tour of the West Indies.

Atherton has won some *important converts through* the positive style of his leadership. He is plainly, if undemonstratively, in charge and the job has added confidence to his batting.

When, in the last session on Saturday, four wickets were lost for 29 runs, two of them in consecutive balls to the irrepressible Merv Hughes, England's lead was still too shallow for their long-suffering supporters to feel sanguine. All too often the lower order has crumbled, making Australia's job easier, and when Ramprakash poked dismally at his first ball from Shane Warne, edging it between wicketkeeper and slip, it was easy to fear the worst.

How Ramprakash survived to the close even he may find impossible to explain, for *Warne and Tim May beat him* time and again around off-stump. On the resumption yesterday, Ramprakash, when faced by spin, was like an actor straying onto the wrong set, his lines memorised for a different play.

He was fortunate to be called up for this Test, convenience favouring him over several others with more obvious credentials, and now luck was with him once more. It should not discount him from Caribbean consideration, for he will find little slow bowling to disconcert him there, but he was happier when the new ball was taken.

Stewart, with whom he added 68 for the sixth wicket, was out to a typically smart, low slip catch by Mark Waugh off the worthy Reiffel, but Fraser *once more defended stoically* as England's lead swelled to formidable proportions.

Reiffel, who has played only in the second half of the series yet taken 19 wickets at 21 runs apiece, found some extra bounce to remove Fraser and Watkin then played no stroke to a straight full toss from Warne. The advantage then was 360, probably enough to be safe but not sufficient for Atherton to declare with confidence. England's best chance of winning lay in being all out, but the ninth wicket added 30 in 55 minutes, and they may come to regret the loss of that time.

The innings was wound up by Warne and Hughes. The leg spinner won another leg-before verdict as Such played down the wrong line and *Ramprakash, sensing that* time was short, made room to carve Hughes head-high to mid off. Hughes, so tired he was beyond celebrating, dragged himself to the pavilion gate, sweater slung over his massive shoulders, then paused to shake the hands of his wicketkeeper and his three fellow bowlers.

At times, Hughes is a preposterous figure, something between pantomime villain and school bully, but his input to Australia's success in this series has been immense. Robbed of his partner, McDermott, he has answered Allan Border's every call, although sometimes it has seemed his legs could not support one more delivery. He has finished with 31 wickets, Warne with 34, and they have *been the difference* between the teams.

England, at least until this game, have had nobody capable of sustained menace. With Malcolm and Fraser restored the picture is different and the fourth full house of this match roared the England bowlers on as the Australian innings began. Malcolm, generating ferocious pace, had both openers dancing and ducking and once bowled to Slater with no fielder, barring a short leg, in front of the bat. This was the session for England inroads. Instead, it rained, and some inspired bowling is needed today to secure victory.

John Woodcock, page 19

IAN STEWART



Ramprakash sweeps during his innings of 64, the highest score of his Test career, at the Oval yesterday. Mark Waugh and Healy, the Australia wicketkeeper, look on

OVAL SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First Innings 380 (G A Hick 80, A J Stewart 76, G A Gooch 56, M A Atherton 50).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls	
G A Gooch	c Healy b Warne	79	0	132	26	183
	edged leg break to keeper					
*M A Atherton	c Warne b Reiffel	42	0	8	81	62
	loose shot to cover					
G A Hick	c Boon b May	36	1	5	97	74
	hit low to mid-wicket					
M P Maynard	c Reiffel b Hughes	9	0	1	27	21
	hook to deep square leg					
N Hussain	c M E Waugh b Hughes	0	0	0	1	1
	fended off lifter to second slip					
†A J Stewart	c M E Waugh b Reiffel	35	0	4	135	103
	edged drive to second slip					
M R Ramprakash	c Slater b Hughes	64	0	5	242	184
	driving to mid-off					
A R C Fraser	c Healy b Reiffel	13	0	2	52	42
	faint edge to keeper					
S L Watkin	lbw b Warne	4	0	1	5	4
	stretching forward to full toss					
P M Such	lbw b Warne	10	0	1	54	41
	half forward, defending					
D E Malcolm	not out	0	0	0	4	4
Extras	(b 5, lb 12, w 1, nb 3)	21				
Total	(470 mins, 119.2 overs)	313				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77 (Gooch 28), 2-157 (Gooch 69), 3-180 (Gooch 78), 4-180 (Gooch 78), 5-186 (Stewart 3), 6-254 (Ramprakash 33), 7-276 (Ramprakash 42), 8-283 (Ramprakash 45), 9-313 (Ramprakash 64), 10-313 (Malcolm 0).

BOWLING: Hughes 31.2-9-110-3 (nb 2) (9-2-41-0, 2-1-9-0, 9-3-27-2, 6-3-16-0, 5.2-0-17-1), Reiffel 24-8-55-3 (nb 1) (8-1-36-1, 11-4-19-2), Warne 40-15-78-3 (14-5-33-0, 4-1-3-1, 11-5-22-0, 11-4-20-1), May 24-6-53-1 (12-2-32-1, 12-4-21-0)

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Fourth day: Rain delayed start, early lunch, until 1.25, 250, 331min, 88 overs. New ball at 245-5 after 86.3 overs. Tea: 298-8 (Ramprakash 56, Such 3) in 113 overs, 300, 444min, 113.2 overs. Innings closed at 5pm. Ramprakash 50: 202min, 156 balls, five fours.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 303 (I A Healy 83 not out, M A Taylor 70; A R C Fraser 5 for 87)

Second Innings

M J Slater	not out	1	0	0	17	15
M A Taylor	not out	0	0	0	17	13
Total	(0 wkt, 17 min, 4.2 overs)	1				

BOWLING: Malcolm 2.2-2-1-0, Watkin 2-2-0-0

Bad light and rain stopped play at 5.27pm.

Umpires: B J Meyer and M J Kitchen.

Replay umpire: A A Jones

Match referee: C H Lloyd

Johnson steals spotlight on final day

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN STUTTGART

GREAT Britain maintained its momentum almost to the end of the world athletics championships here yesterday — adding three more medals for a British record total of ten — but it was the United States that took the last round of applause. A world record in the men's 4 x 400 metres, including the fastest lap of a track ever seen, brought the eight-day champi*onships to an exhilarating* conclusion.

Steve Smith equalled his British and Commonwealth high jump record to win a bronze medal and there were medals also from two British relay teams — silver in the men's 4 x 100 metres and bronze in the women's 4 x 400 metres. Ireland, too, had a day for celebration as Sonia O'Sullivan became their first woman to win an athletics world medal, finishing second in the 1,500 metres.

Hardly has a day passed without controversy and yesterday was no exception as Kenya lodged a protest after the men's 10,000 metres, in which Moses Tanui, the defending champion, lost a shoe on the last lap, complaining that the winner, Haile Gebresilasie, from Ethiopia, had worked *it loose by clip*ping his heels. The protest was dismissed and Tanui refused to offer the traditional handshake to the winner at the presentation.

A brilliant last leg by Michael Johnson, the individual champion, in the 4 x 400 metres saw the United States to a world record of 2min 54.29sec in the last world championships, *in 1991. Britain achieved* a famous victory over the Americans, but, without any of the four who won then, now went out in the semi-finals. This time, it was a race against the clock for the Americans and Johnson's last leg of 42.93sec not only claimed the relay world record by 1.45sec but also made him the first athlete to break 43sec for the distance.

The rolling start gives the relay runner an advantage over times set out of blocks. Before yesterday, Quincy Watts held the fastest split, 43.1sec, compared with Butch Reynolds's 400 metres world record of 43.29sec; Andrew Valmon, Watts, Reynolds and Johnson comprised the team here.

Smith, within a year of winning the world junior title, now has two senior world medals. To the indoor champi*onships bronze, which he won* in March, he added the outdoor one, despite spending much of the week on his back with a pain at the base of his spine. "I could not even touch my toes; *I needed physi*otherapy three times a day and traction twice a day," he said. "I just had to blank out the pain and get on with it."

Having had two failures at 2.31m and one at 2.34m, he cleared 2.37m, his British record height, first time, but was eliminated at 2.40m. Artur Partyka, of Poland, also went out at 2.40m, but, with one fewer failure at the lower heights, took the silver behind Javier Sotomayor, the world record-holder from Cuba, who cleared 2.40m. Cuba is the land of the high jumper — Ioamnet Quintero and Silvia Costa had finished first and second in the women's competition on *Saturday*.

Yesterday, all five of Britain's medal-winners from individual track events — Colin Jackson, Linford Christie, Sally Gunnell, Tony Jarrett and John Regis — won their second medals. Jackson, Jarrett, Regis and Christie set a European sprint relay record of 37.77sec behind the United States. The American quartet, comprising Jon Drummond, Andre Cason, Dennis Mitchell and Leroy Burrell, had equalled the world record of 37.40sec in the semi-final but were 0.08sec slower yesterday.

For Jackson, especially, it was an eventful 48 hours. On Friday evening, he won the sprint hurdles with a world record; on Saturday, he flew to Britain to be the best man at a wedding and yesterday he got out of bed at 4.30am to drive from Cardiff to Heathrow for a flight back to Stuttgart.

With a last leg of 49.9sec, Gunnell held off Sandie Richards, of Jamaica, down the finishing straight to secure third place for Britain's women in the 4 by 400 metres. Linda Keough, Phylis Smith and Tracy Goddard had combined to put Gunnell away third, but she let Richards past and tucked in before kicking for home. The United States took the gold and Russia the silver.

The Chinese women dominated the middle distance and distance track events, adding the 1,500 metres gold medal to the 10,000 metres gold and silver won on Saturday and the sweep of the 3,000 metres last Monday. Dong Liu's victory in the 1,500 metres, in 4min 00.50sec, was as decisive as Junxia Wang's had been in the 10,000 metres.

Wang, with a 61sec last lap, won in 30min 49.30sec, a time which only Ingrid Kristiansen has beaten. Selina Barsosio from Kenya, third behind Wang, became, at 15, the youngest athlete by three years to win a medal at these championships.

In the 1,500 metres Liu made her move from 600 metres out and, by the bell, had the race won. O'Sullivan went past Hassiba Boulmerka, the defending champion, and Yi Lu, another Chinese, with half a lap remaining, recording 4min 3.48sec for second place. Boulmerka was third in 4min 4.28sec. Noureddine Morceli, Boulmerka's fellow Algerian, retained the men's 1,500 metres title, kicking hard with 300 metres to go to win in 3min 34.24sec.

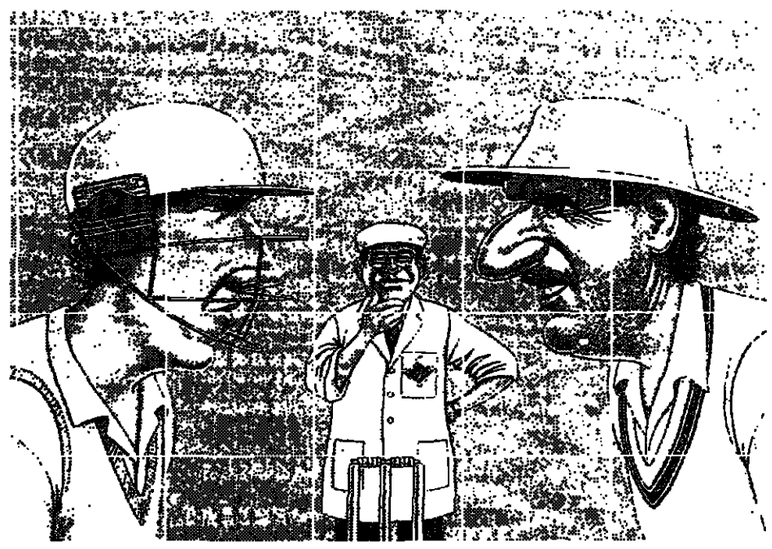
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Burrell dips to take gold ahead of Christie

FINAL TABLE

	G	S	B	Tt
United States	13	7	6	26
China	4	2	2	8
Russia	3	8	5	16
Britain	3	3	4	10
Kenya	3	3	4	10
Germany	2	2	4	8
Cuba	2	1	0	3
Spain	2	1	2	5
Finland	1	2	0	3
Jamaica	1	1	3	5
Ethiopia	1	1	1	3
Ukraine	1	1	1	3
Namibia	1	1	0	2
Algeria	1	0	1	2
Japan	1	0	1	2
Norway	1	0	0	1
Switzerland	1	0	0	1
Mozambique	1	0	0	1
Czech Rep	1	0	0	1
Tadjikistan	1	0	0	1
Italy	0	3	1	4
Belarus	0	2	2	4



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Chaos blurs merit of British one-two

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

FROM the outside, it seemed an ideal liaison. Manchester, potential venue for the Olympic Games in 2000, hosting the world championships of triathlon, a brash new sport spawned in Hawaii and nurtured in the United States pitching hard for recognition as an Olympic sport by the turn of the century. In the event, the liaison proved too dangerous by half as a triumph for British triathletes was turned to near-fiasco by inadequate regulation.

The day provided a worthy winner in Spencer Smith, of Hounslow, who followed up his junior world title last year by taking the senior crown, and a British one-two, Simon Lessing, the defending champion, coming home second. But, as a dummy run for seven years hence, it certainly produced its share of dummies.

Had not the athletes themselves got together to knock some sense into some muddled heads, officials might well have disqualified Smith for throwing his helmet away in the transition area between the cycling and running stages rather than placing it in the box as the rules state.

A marshal, who had shouted instructions to Smith, reported the incident and, for several moments after Smith crossed the line one minute and 42 seconds ahead of his team-mate, it seemed injustice might prevail.

How the right decision was eventually made is open to debate. According to some, the jury of the International Triathlon Union met and dismissed the infringement on the grounds that no advantage was gained; according to others, the jury could not be summoned quickly enough and the referee, Didier Lehanoff, made the decision. There was equal confusion about what the rule did state, whether Smith had infringed it and, if he had, what the penalty might be.



Smith: worthy victor

In the meantime, Lessing had indicated he did not want to be given the race on disqualification and had been backed up by other competitors. Either way, the prevarication and disorganisation, highlighted a credibility gap which no amount of flashy presentation could hide.

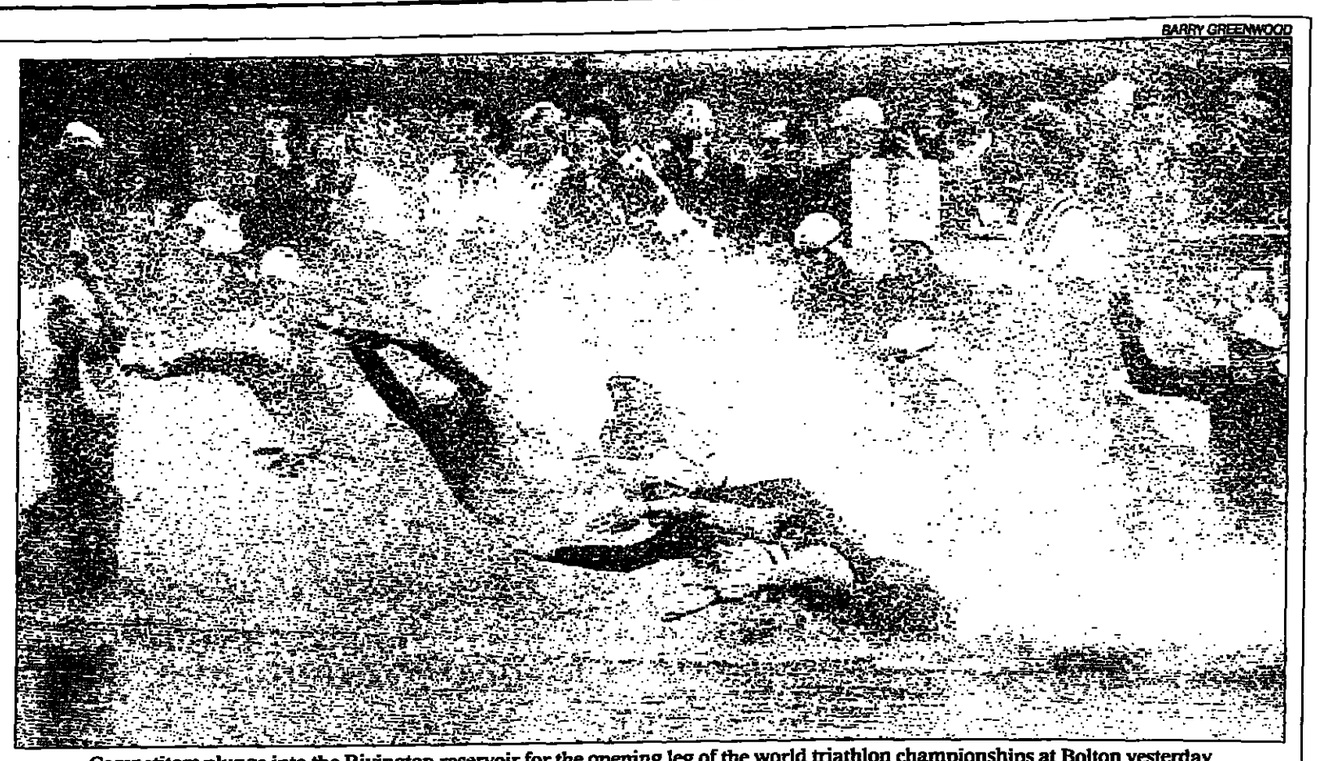
It also emphasised the problems of having a course which began in Bolton and ended in Albert Square, Manchester. Normal triathlon courses start and end in the same place and involve only one transition area.

"Triathlon is a technical sport," Andrew McBarnett, chairman of the British Triathlon Association, said. "You are dealing with three different disciplines, so it is difficult." But after much firing into the air, at least the authorities did not shoot themselves in the foot.

None of the shilly-shallying, though, tarnished Smith's domination of the event nor the heroics of Roman Jezek, of Canada, who completed the 51.5km course at the age of 79. After a solid swim in the cool waters of Rivington reservoir, Smith took control of the race during the 40km cycling leg and had opened up a lead of almost 40 seconds on Hamish Carter, of New Zealand, as he sprinted out of Albert Square for the 10km run, the final leg.

Lessing overtook the New Zealander, but could make no impression on the leader, who won by a wide margin to take the $11,000 (£7,000) first prize. The women's race was much closer, Michellie Jones, of Australia, retaining her world title by just two seconds from Karen Smyers, of the United States.

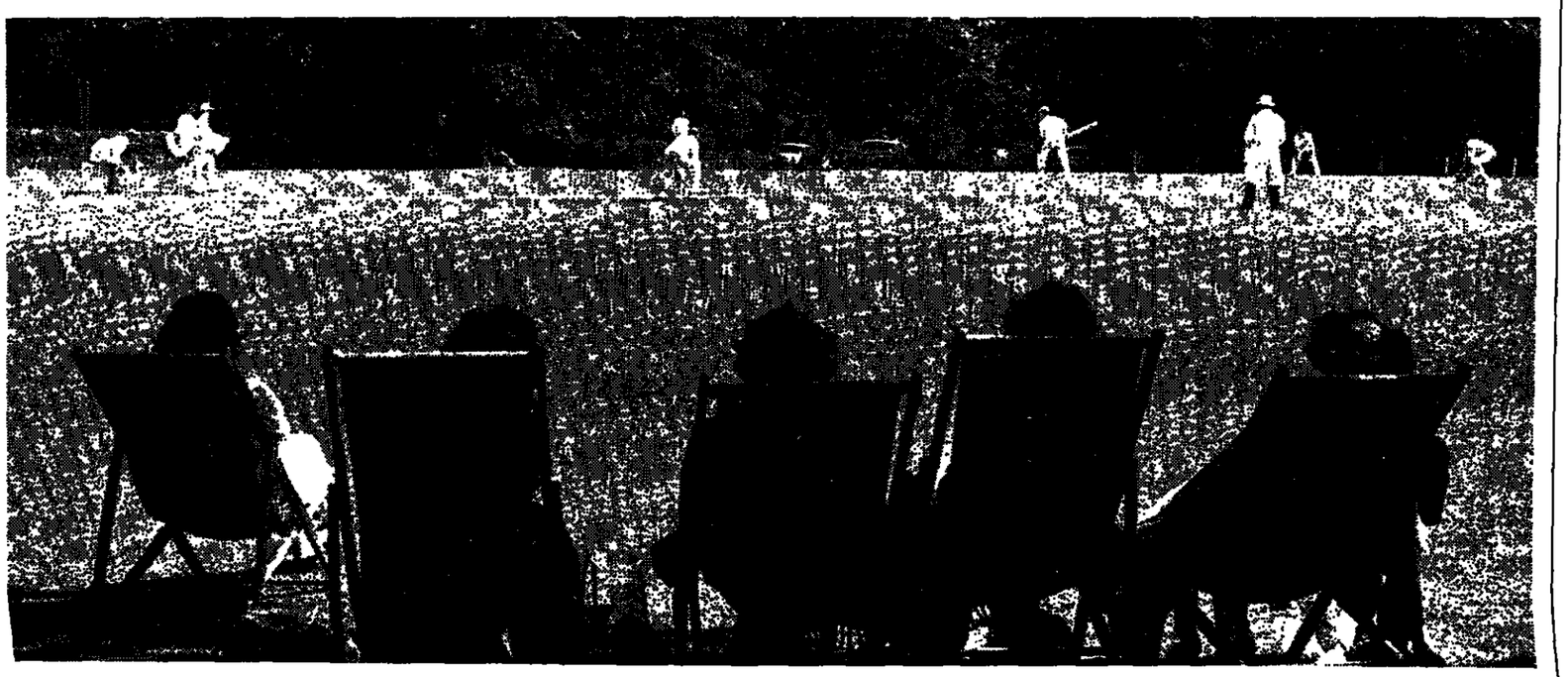
At 20, Smith is the first to win the junior and senior world titles in successive years. His sport needs to grow up with equal speed if it is to win Olympic approval.



BARRY GREENWOOD

Competitors plunge into the Rivington reservoir for the opening leg of the world triathlon championships at Bolton yesterday





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SPORT IN BRIEF

Rain wrecks South Africa's run chase

SOUTH Africa's first one-day cricket international against Sri Lanka, played in Kandy yesterday, was abandoned because of rain. Put in to bat on a slow pitch, Sri Lanka reached 179 for five in 41.3 overs before rain forced the umpires to end the innings prematurely and set new over limits for the match.

South Africa's target was reduced twice after rain interrupted their innings several times and they were finally left to score 107 off 25 overs. In a scramble for runs, South Africa lost four wickets in the space of 44 balls, but rain returned to end hope of a result. South Africa were 52 for four after 14 overs when play was abandoned.

Sri Lanka got off to a good start when their openers, Roshan Mahanama and Chandika Hathurusinghe, put on 110 off 27 overs, but they lost the initiative after Hathurusinghe, who reached a half-century off 81 balls, was caught at deep mid-wicket by Cullinen off Symcox.

Defeat for Britain

HOCKEY: The Great Britain women's team was beaten 2-0 by Australia in its opening match of the Champions Trophy in Amsterdam yesterday. In a contest played in driving rain and dominated by Australia, the World Cup silver medal-winners, Shelley Andrews scored Australia's first goal just before half-time when she beat Hilary Rose, the Great Britain goalkeeper, with a powerful shot after being put through by Alyson Annan. Seven minutes after the interval, Sharon Buchanan found Jackie Pereira at the top of the circle and she drew Rose before slipping the ball to Lisa Powell, who touched the ball in. Richard Charlesworth, the Australia coach, said: "Great Britain were very determined, aggressive, solid and organised and when we did break through we didn't make the most of our chances."

Beerbaum shows class

EQUESTRIANISM: Ludger Beerbaum, the Olympic champion, on Almox Rush On, won the Rotterdam harbour grand prix yesterday, successfully defending the title he won last year on Almox Grand Plaisir. Hugo Simon, of Austria, riding Apricot D, finished second. The Britons faltered, Michael Whitaker, on Everest Midnight Madness, ultimately finishing eighth, and Robert Smith, on Canonball, taking tenth place. Jennie Loriston-Clarke, on Catherston Dazzler, of Britain, won the Zadelhoff dressage, a class at the German 'S' level, by six marks from Els Jansen, on Zazou.

Oliphant retains title

RIFLE SHOOTING: John Oliphant, the Scottish international, put 68 of his 80 shots in the bull's-eye to win the British prone championship for the second successive year at Bisley on Saturday. Oliphant recorded the same score, 394, both at 50 metres and at 100 yards. He had led John Dallimore, of Wales, and John Booker, of Lensbury, by a single point after the 50-metres section, but increased his lead to four points after the 100-yard shoot. Robin Law, of Scotland, finished second, four points behind Oliphant. Don Baker, of Northern Ireland, was third.

Hunslet's home ban

RUGBY LEAGUE: Hunslet have been barred from playing their opening match of the season at Elland Road, the second division club's home since 1982, next Sunday. Leeds city council, the owner of the ground, wants the pitch in pristine condition for the televised FA Carling Premiership match between Leeds United and Oldham the following night. Hunslet, who have switched the home game against Doncaster to September 1, are to seek compensation from the local authority. Meanwhile, Leeds are poised to sign Neil Harmon, the Warrington prop, for £90,000.

Split under scrutiny

CYCLING: Leading cyclists such as Miguel Indurain, three times the winner of the Tour de France, could be separated from their less successful colleagues in a new circuit of elite races, the International Cycling Union (UCI) said yesterday. The union is to spend a year studying the possibility of splitting the crowded programme of professional racing, which runs from February to October. The big teams would contest the tours of France, Italy and Spain, the World Cup series and some other races, while other teams would have their own programme in a "second division".

Cappellini sweeps up

POWERBOATING: Guido Cappellini, of Italy, won the world inland circuit championship after victory in the Dunaújváros grand prix in Hungary yesterday. The race was the seventh round of the nine-race series and quickly developed into a contest between Cappellini and Jonathon Jones, who has won the title three times. When the Welshman had to drop out with mechanical problems 16 laps from the end of the 60-lap race, the Italian had a clear run to the line. Jones remains in third place in the championship.

Morris and Cottey lead Glamorgan to victory

By Jack Bailey

SWANSEA (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Hampshire by six wickets

TWO very good innings, one by Robin Smith for Hampshire, the other by Hugh Morris, featured large in this match which saw Glamorgan win with 15 balls to spare. Smith's powerful 75 yesterday gave Hampshire the chance to topple Glamorgan from their precarious position at the top of the Axa Equity & Law League.

Morris not only batted eminently sensibly throughout all but four overs of Glamorgan's quest for the 208 needed for victory, but his thoughtful innings set a supreme example of pursuing the chase unhurriedly but surely.

But the innings of the day was played by Tony Cottey, first accompanying his captain in a partnership of 111 in 23 overs, which brought Glamorgan back from a precarious 76 for three with Vivian Richards disappearing into the pavilion. Then Cottey took control slowly but surely. In the end, it was he who saw them home, scuffling between the wickets, placing his shots with care while moving on to an undefeated 75.

Glamorgan's sheer endeavour and, indeed, their resilience makes you feel that this most successful season deserves to be crowned with a title of some kind. The Sunday competition is now the best bet they have, and they remain on course. They were, however, given a stern fight by Hampshire.

Hampshire's innings owed almost everything to a partnership of 117 in 25 overs between Smith and Terry. It took their team to 131 before the fall of the second wicket, that of Terry. Although the half-way mark had been passed by then, a formidable total was in sight.

This never materialised, but there can be no doubt that Robin Smith first transformed, then became the force behind Hampshire's innings. Helmetless, fearless and peerless, he quickly dispelled the tentative approach created by a damp patch at the sea end and lively, accurate bowling from Bastien and Lefebvre.

Malcolm Marshall's promotion to open the innings for the first time on a Sunday could not be rated a success. He was ill at ease, less solid-looking than Terry and, undone by the wet patch, he edged Lefebvre to Metson. It was a mixed blessing for Glamorgan, although the extent to which Smith's entry would affect the issue was not readily apparent as Smith eased his way in and Terry bided his time.

A casual waft for six over long-off by Terry lightened the Hampshire mood and rubbed salt in for Bastien, who had missed Terry from a sharp chance off his own bowling only two overs previously. It was now that Smith came into his own. Croft's off spin at one end and Barwick at the other suited him admirably. Both Bastien and Lefebvre had bowled well, but soon the rugby stand at long-off was clanging out a tune as the white ball landed and rattled around.

Terry was caught at long-off from the persistent Dale but, in full command, Smith went to 75 from 99 balls, hit five sixes and four fours and took Hampshire to 152 before being caught at the furthest part of the ground. With Smith and Terry gone, the tight bowling of Lefebvre, Dale and Richards came into its own.

Only Nicholas of the remainder attained double figures. Every chance offered to Glamorgan was taken and excellent ground fielding played a full part in keeping Hampshire within bounds. But on this pitch and with Marshall and two good spinners to face, Glamorgan's record fifteenth win of the season was by no means yet assured.

SUNDAY TABLE

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Glamorgan (16)	14	11	2	0	1	46
Kent (5)	14	10	2	0	2	44
Surrey (4)	14	8	4	0	2	36
Sussex (11)	13	8	3	1	1	36
Lancs (11)	13	7	3	1	2	34
Northants (13)	13	7	4	1	1	32
Derbyshire (13)	14	7	6	0	1	30
Middlesex (1)	14	6	6	1	1	28
Yorkshire (15)	13	6	6	0	1	26
Durham (8)	14	5	7	0	2	24
Essex (2)	13	6	7	0	0	24
Warwicks (8)	14	5	8	0	1	22
Worcs (7)	14	4	7	1	2	22
Gloucs (8)	13	4	7	1	1	20
Hampshire (3)	13	3	7	0	3	18
Leics (18)	13	4	8	0	1	18
Notts (17)	13	3	10	0	0	12
Somerset (5)	13	2	9	0	2	12

England in tune with pitch

John Woodcock on the part played by a fast and true surface in the sixth Test at the Oval

THE final Test match at the Oval has made good watching, and nobody has had more to do with that, in his testimonial year, than the Surrey groundsman, Harry Brind. His pitch has had pace and true bounce, as well as something for the attacking spinner.

England are doing much better, too. Fraser and Malcolm may consider themselves fortunate to have been brought back in such conditions. It is no use thinking that things would have been different if these two had been in partnership earlier in the series, because the chances are they would not. Malcolm can be as much of a liability on slow pitches, such as Edgbaston, as, once in a while, he is a trump card on faster ones, and Fraser has only recently begun to get his confidence back.

There are, in fact, few pitches in the world with the characteristics of this one. The West Indians would have loved it, as would Craig McDermott, whose absence the Australians have felt more than at any time since he had to return home in June. It was a mighty effort by Hughes to remove Maynard and Hussain on Saturday evening when he was just about on his knees.

It means as much for a bowler to have as big a heart as Hughes does as it does for a batsman to have the right temperament, and questions are sure to be asked now not about Maynard's talent but his capacity for Test cricket. I hope the selectors persevere with him and take him to the West Indies, but he is not making it easy for them.

There is no need to be pessimistic about the West Indian tour. A new drive is already detectable under Atherton and he has increasingly little reason to think that he is not a good enough batsman to be in the side. Few England captains would not have been satisfied with 553 runs in a series against Australia at an average of 46.

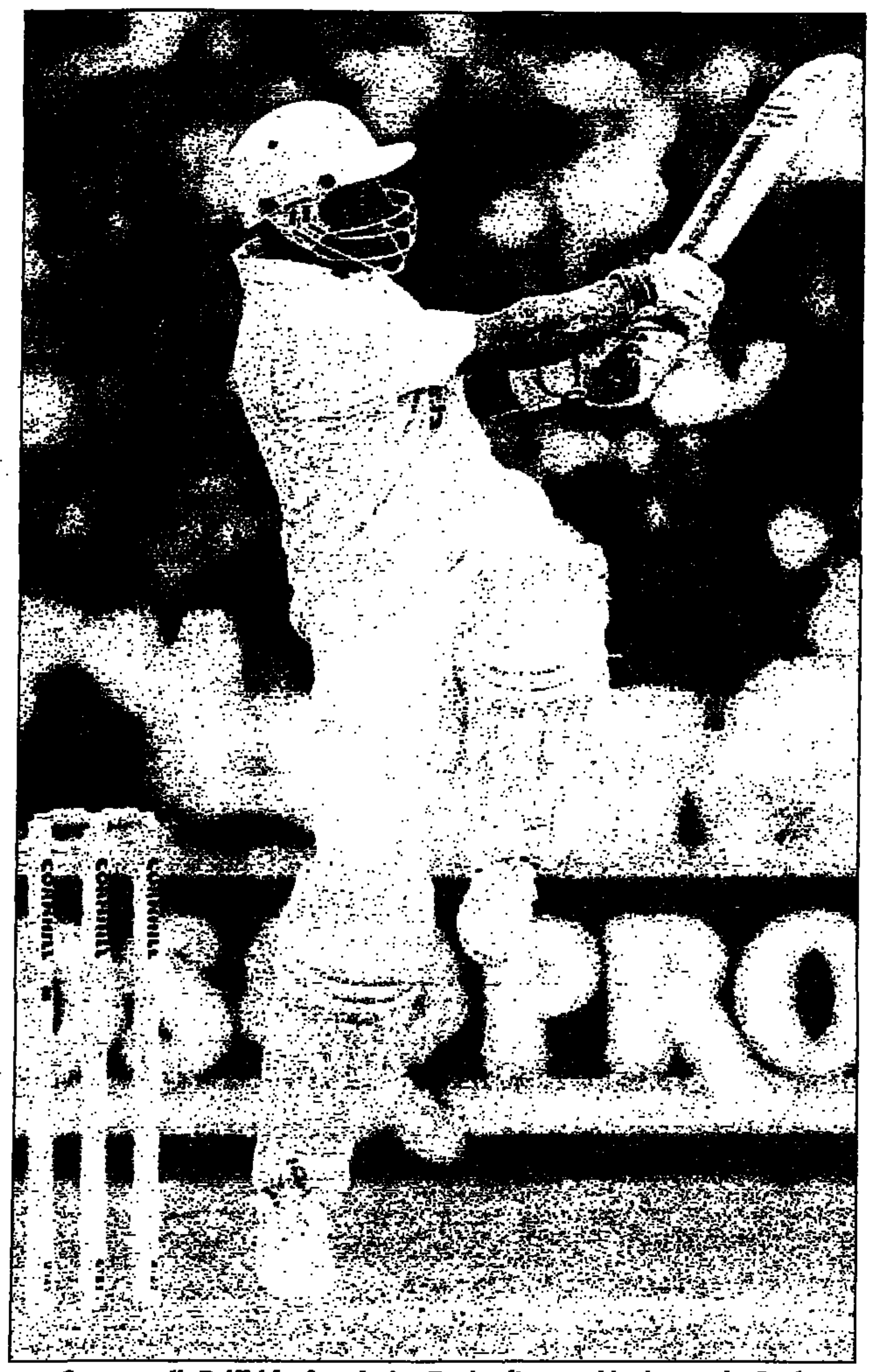
There have been regular complaints from the England camp this summer about the Test pitches, particularly that the management's requests for green ones have gone unheeded. That such conditions were thought to be the answer to England's needs always seemed to me to be hypothetical. It presupposed that they would bowl better on a seamer's delight than Hughes and Reiffel, and that Warne would be less effective. In the event, England have probably been better suited by Harry Brind's creation, which has boosted the egos of their bowlers by enabling them to rap a few Australian knuckles.

To find as fair a pitch, by which I mean a better pitch for producing a well-balanced contest between bat and ball, would not be easy. One might do so, very occasionally, in Lahore and Madras, or at Christchurch, in New Zealand, or from time to time in Adelaide. I would not know where go for one in South Africa, where they have been leaving too much grass on pitches for years.

In the Caribbean for the recent series between West Indies and Pakistan, Georgetown and Bridgetown were both excellent pitches, conducive to the sort of game, as long as it is strictly umpired, that would give a sprightly England side a sporting chance in the early part of next year.

☐ Rain forced the abandonment of the one-day international between South Africa and Sri Lanka in Kandy yesterday, the first between the two countries. Chasing a revised target of 107 off 25 overs, South Africa reached 52 for four when play was abandoned.

Sri Lanka had earlier made 179 for five in 41.3 overs before rain forced the umpires to end the innings prematurely. South Africa's target was reduced twice after rain interrupted their innings several times. In a scramble for runs, they lost four wickets in the space of 44 balls, but the rain returned to end all hope of a result.



Stewart pulls Reiffel for four during England's second innings at the Oval yesterday. Reiffel later dismissed him for 35. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Thrilling climax to Sunday league in offing

By Ivo Tennant

THE Axa Equity & Law League has its critics. Just about everybody in the game, that is. Hence the delight for its overlords that a thrilling climax is in sight: Glamorgan, the leaders, play Kent, in second place, at Canterbury on the final Sunday of the season, September 19. They are separated by just two points.

When, at Worcester, the players came off for rain in late afternoon, Kent still needed 44 runs from 12 overs, five wickets in hand. That they won was through the tightest of run-rate calculations: 3.76 an over to Worcestershire's 3.72. They would not have done so had Fleming not hit two runs off the last ball to be bowled. Equally pleasing is that Igglesden is fit and taking wickets — five for 29 in this match. Alas for him, there are no further Tests this summer and his fitness has been such that to take him to the West Indies would be a gamble indeed.

Surrey, fourth placed at the start of play, won at Ilkeston by five wickets in spite of Bowler, **Derbyshire's** acting captain, carrying his bat for an unbeaten 76. Adams, his opening partner, made 66 but the remainder of the batting was disappointing. Needing 202 to win this 46 overs-a-side match, Surrey achieved their victory chiefly through Ward making an unbeaten 81.

Elsewhere, **Somerset** ended a run of eight successive defeats by beating Leicestershire by 96 runs. Folland made his first century in this competition, off 119 balls, and Lathwell an accomplished 75 from 92 balls.

A superb unbeaten 65 by Lamb, off only 43 balls, enabled **Northamptonshire** to gain an unlikely victory over **Middlesex**. With ten overs left, they still needed 78. Lamb went from 36 to 65 off only 11 balls, finishing with a six and a four from successive balls.

On Saturday, Middlesex completed a ten-wicket victory over Northamptonshire and hence made the Britannic Assurance county championship theirs in all but mathematical certainty. Emburey and Tufnell took most of the wickets, as they have for most of the season, in bowling out their opponents for 180. Given that Surrey lost to Derbyshire and that **Glamorgan** have much to do if they are to beat **Hampshire**, Middlesex should have a near-impregnable lead tonight.

Gooch's graph shows no signs of decline

By Alan Lee

GRAHAM Gooch reached the statistical summit of English batting on Saturday with a shot, and a reaction, that epitomised him. Gooch passed David Gower's record aggregate of 8,231 Test runs with an emphatic off-driven four and then, as the Oval stood to acclaim him, he showed barely a flicker of emotion.

Shaking the hands offered, including those of Michael Atherton and Allan Border, Gooch nodded his acknowledgement of the sustained ovation before signalling that he wished to resume normal business by asking the umpire how many balls were left in the over.

Much later, his concession to the moment was to say it had been "a relief to get it out of the way".

As ever with Gooch, figures and personal achievement were secondary to the desire to win.

The capacity crowd revelled in the history of the moment, however, and on one of many roof-top vantage points outside the ground, a massive banner was unfurled, reading simply: "Well Done Gooch".

It had the look of a farewell message and there were certainly those present who believed they were witnessing Gooch's final Test innings. Gladly, the man himself thinks differently.

His career graph is showing no signs of decline with the arrival of his forties and, with 673 runs in this series at an average of 56, he remains far and away England's best player.

If there is one curious but significant mark of the Australians' respect for him, it is that he is automatically exempted from "sledging".

Gooch will not, and must not, change his mind about touring this winter, for his heart would not be in the routine. But he will surely be back in the England side next summer, for his appetite to bat remains undiminished by the pressures of even this extraordinary year.

ENGLAND'S BEST

	Tests	Runs	Ave
G A Gooch	107	8293	43.87
D I Gower	117	8231	44.25
G Boycott	108	8114	47.72
M C Cowdrey	114	7624	44.06
W R Hammond	85	7249	58.45
L Hutton	79	6971	56.67
K F Barrington	82	6806	58.67

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Somerset v Leicestershire

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (third day of four): Leicestershire (23pts) beat Somerset (4) by an innings and 15 runs

SOMERSET: First Innings 112

Second Innings

A N Hayhurst c Smith b Mullally 13
M N Lathwell lbw b Millns 1
N A Folland c Millns b Parsons 12
*R J Harden c Nixon b Millns 38
I Fletcher b Millns 24
M Trescothick c Nixon b Mullally 0
G D Rose c Millns b Mullally 40
†R J Turner c Nixon b Millns 1
Mushtaq Ahmed lbw b Millns 5
A R Caddick b Mullally 6
N A Mallender not out 25
Extras (b 17, lb 1, w 1, nb 9) 28
Total 193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-15, 3-49, 4-98, 5-99, 6-99, 7-103, 8-109, 9-116

BOWLING: Mullally 20.4-5-63-4; Millns 25-3-78-5; Parsons 11-4-17-1; Pierson 11-6-10-0; Wells 7-5-7-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 320 (J J Whitaker 92, P A Nixon 61; G D Rose 6 for 83)

Umpires: N T Plews and D R Shepherd

Derbyshire v Surrey

ILKESTON (third day of four): Derbyshire (23pts) beat Surrey (4) by six wickets

SURREY: First Innings 205 (A W Smith 68; A E Warner 5 for 57)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell b Cork 32
P D Atkins lbw b Cork 12
*M A Lynch lbw b Steer 58
A D Brown c Bowler b Steer 20
A W Smith lbw b Mortensen 14
D M Ward c Adams b Steer 5
A J Hollioake c and b Warner 123
†G J Kersey c Bowler b Sladdin 33
Waqar Younis c Mortensen b Vandrau 19
J E Benjamin c Krikken b Warner 0
A J Murphy not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 8) 15
Total 332

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-69, 3-110, 4-131, 5-131, 6-150, 7-288, 8-327, 9-331

BOWLING: Warner 22.4-5-73-2; Cork 27-4-80-2; Mortensen 13-3-42-1; Steer 6-1-23-3; Sladdin 22-5-66-1; Vandrau 11-1-41-1.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 438 for 9 dec (P D Bowler 143, J E Morris 127)

Second Innings

*P D Bowler c Hollioake b Murphy 45
J E Morris c Kersey b Murphy 35
C J Adams b Murphy 15
A S Rollins c Lynch b Benjamin 0
I G S Steer not out 1
M J Vandrau not out 0
Extras (lb 4) 4
Total (4 wkts) 100

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-86, 3-99, 4-99.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 3-0-28-0; Benjamin 10.5-1-30-1; Murphy 8-1-38-3.

Umpires: R Julian and D O Oslear

Glamorgan v Hampshire

SWANSEA (third day of four): Hampshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 278 runs ahead of Glamorgan

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 417 (V P Terry 174, M D Marshall 75 not out, A N Aymes 57; R D B Croft 5 for 157)

Second Innings

R A Smith c Hemp b Croft 48
V P Terry c Lefebvre b Croft 32
K D James c Hemp b Croft 35
D I Gower not out 1
*M C J Nicholas c Cottey b Croft 31
R M F Cox not out 3
Extras (lb 1, w 2) 3
Total (3 wkts) 150

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-84, 3-89

BOWLING: Thomas 3-0-24-0; Lefebvre 2-0-5-0; Croft 27-7-55-3; Dale 10-1-32-0; Barwick 16.4-6-33-0

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James b Flint 80
*H Morris c Nicholas b Shine 8
A Dale lbw b Marshall 5
I V A Richards b Flint 67
P A Cottey c Smith b Udal 6
D L Hemp c Aymes b Marshall 24
R D B Croft c Udal b Marshall 23
†C P Metson lbw b Marshall 3
R P Lefebvre c and b Marshall 19
S D Thomas not out 16
S R Barwick b Udal 11
Extras (lb 7, w 1, nb 18) 26
Total (98 overs) 288

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-19, 3-157, 4-180, 5-180, 6-225, 7-231, 8-238, 9-259

BOWLING: Shine 9-2-35-1; Marshall 23-8-62-5; James 8-2-32-0; Udal 38-9-109-2; Flint 20-8-43-2.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 4, Hampshire 7

Umpires: J W Holder and P B Wight

Middlesex v Northamptonshire

LORD'S (third day of four): Middlesex (23 pts) beat Northamptonshire (3) by ten wickets

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 402 (J E Emburey 120, K R Brown 72)

Second Innings

D L Haynes not out 9
M A Roseberry retired hurt 0
*M W Gatting not out 0
Extras (lb 2) 2
Total (no wkt) 11

BOWLING: Taylor 1-0-9-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham lbw b Cowans 4
N A Felton c Brown b Cowans 0
R J Bailey not out 95
*A J Lamb lbw b Feltham 15
M B Loye b Tufnell 41
K M Curran c Roseberry b Tufnell 0
†D Ripley run out 10
A R Roberts c Roseberry b Emburey 3
C E L Ambrose lbw b Emburey 19
N G B Cook c Tufnell b Emburey 16
J P Taylor c Haynes b Cowans 0
Extras (b 8, lb 10, w 1, nb 10) 29
Total 232

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-12, 3-34, 4-122, 5-122, 6-137, 7-160, 8-192, 9-222.

BOWLING: Williams 4-2-5-0; Cowans 15.5-2-43-3; Emburey 31-10-51-3; Feltham 15-3-30-1; Tufnell 33-7-70-2; Weekes 6-2-15-0



Rhodes: unbeaten 100 for Worcestershire

Second Innings

A Fordham b Cowans 4
N A Felton lbw b Cowans 15
R J Bailey c Carr b Emburey 29
*A J Lamb run out 39
M B Loye c Carr b Tufnell 35
K M Curran st Brown b Tufnell 0
†D Ripley c Carr b Emburey 8
A R Roberts c Roseberry b Tufnell 12
C E L Ambrose c Carr b Emburey 16
N G B Cook b Emburey 3
J P Taylor not out 8
Extras (lb 9, nb 2) 11
Total 180

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-41, 3-53, 4-130, 5-130, 6-131, 7-144, 8-168, 9-171.

BOWLING: Cowans 9-1-37-2; Feltham 8-3-21-0; Emburey 21.3-8-38-4; Tufnell 14-3-56-3; Weekes 5-0-19-0.

Bonus points: Middlesex 7, Northamptonshire 3.

Umpires: D J Constant and A G T Whitehead

Worcestershire v Kent

WORCESTER (third day of four): Kent, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 236 runs behind Worcestershire

KENT: First Innings 189 (M A Ealham 54 not out; C M Tolley 5 for 55)

Second Innings

D P Fulton c Rhodes b Illingworth 25
T R Ward c Illingworth b Tolley 30
N J Llong c Curtis b Illingworth 45
C L Hooper c Haynes b Illingworth 38
N R Taylor not out 1
D W Headley not out 1
Extras (lb 2, w 1) 3
Total (4 wkts) 143

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-74, 3-140, 4-141.

BOWLING: Radford 9-2-30-0; Tolley 8-2-23-1; Illingworth 19-9-47-3; Newport 10-2-30-0; Haynes 5-1-8-0; D'Oliveira 5-2-3-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis c Fleming b Ealham 127
M J Weston c Marsh b Igglesden 9
G R Haynes c Hooper b Headley 158
D A Leatherdale c Marsh b Headley 38
D B D'Oliveira c Headley b Fleming 45
†S J Rhodes not out 100
P J Newport c Taylor b Fleming 4
C M Tolley b Hooper 28
R K Illingworth not out 24
Extras (b 4, lb 22, nb 14) 40
Total (7 wkts dec) 568

N V Radford and K C G Benjamin did not bat

Score at 120 overs: 372-4.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-263, 3-341, 4-360, 5-436, 6-452, 7-515.

BOWLING: Igglesden 32-10-67-1; Headley 35-6-106-2; Fleming 41.5-10-128-2; Ealham 27-4-103-1; Hooper 37-6-117-1; Llong 6-1-19-0.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 8, Kent 1.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater

Gloucestershire v Essex

BRISTOL (third day of four): Essex, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 325 runs to beat Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 320 (M W Alleyne 104, T H C Hancock 52)

Second Innings

B C Broad c Pringle b Childs 18
G D Hodgson lbw b Childs 7
R I Dawson c Shahid b Ilott 41
S G Hinks lbw b Childs 3
M W Alleyne c Topley b Salim 27
T H C Hancock b Ilott 0
†R C Russell c Childs b Topley 65
M Davies c Knight b Ilott 0
*C A Walsh c Garnham b Topley 27
K E Cooper run out 6
A M Babington not out 0
Extras (b 5, lb 6, w 1, nb 14) 26
Total 220

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-37, 3-46, 4-102, 5-103, 6-120, 7-132, 8-203, 9-220.

BOWLING: Ilott 29-10-38-3; Topley 23.5-6-71-2; Childs 30-9-62-3; Salim Malik 15-1-38-1.

ESSEX: First Innings 218

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 7, Essex 5.

Umpires: J D Bond and R A White.

Durham v Warwickshire

DARLINGTON (third day of four): Warwickshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 138 runs ahead of Durham

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 281 (P A Smith 55; S J E Brown 5 for 78)

Second Innings

*A J Moles c Scott b Cummins 0
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Graveney 29
D P Ostler c Daley b Brown 85
Asif Din c Scott b Brown 25
R G Twose c Parker b Graveney 23
P A Smith not out 23
N M K Smith not out 7
Extras (b 2, lb 11, nb 4) 17
Total (5 wkts) 226

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-68, 3-142, 4-151, 5-200.

BOWLING: Cummins 19-4-47-1; Hughes 18-8-25-0; Brown 21-2-75-2; Bainbridge 12-3-29-0; Graveney 20-6-37-2.

DURHAM: First Innings

G Fowler lbw b P A Smith 6
W Larkins b P A Smith 2
P W G Parker c Asif Din b Twose 159
S Hutton lbw b Twose 18
P Bainbridge c Ratcliffe b P A Smith 5
J A Daley c Asif Din b Moles 79
†C W Scott lbw b Bell 6
A C Cummins c sub b Twose 17
*D A Graveney b Bell 7
S J E Brown c Asif Din b Twose 12
S P Hughes not out 3
Extras (b 3, lb 18, w 2, nb 32) 55
Total 369

Score at 120 overs: 331-8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-34, 3-70, 4-79, 5-264, 6-272, 7-304, 8-327, 9-344

BOWLING: Bell 31-8-86-2; P A Smith 28-8-69-3; Twose 34-4-85-4; N M K Smith 25-10-51-0; Giles 11-1-37-0; Moles 5-1-10-1.

Bonus points: Durham 7, Warwickshire 5.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and G I Burgess.

Lancashire v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD (third day of four): Lancashire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 197 runs to beat Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 242 (M P Vaughan 64, A P Grayson 64; Wasim Akram 8 for 68)

Second Innings

*M D Moxon c DeFreitas b Martin 16
M P Vaughan c Hegg b DeFreitas 28
R B Richardson st Hegg b Watkinson 50
D Byas b Wasim 73
†R J Blakey c Crawley b Wasim 37
C White c Hegg b DeFreitas 3
A P Grayson b DeFreitas 3
P Carrick c Fairbrother b Wasim 0
D Gough c Hegg b Martin 23
P J Hartley not out 13
M A Robinson b Wasim 0
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 8) 12
Total 258

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-73, 3-123, 4-194, 5-216, 6-218, 7-220, 8-220, 9-257.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 29.4-8-57-4; Martin 18-4-43-2; DeFreitas 22-4-55-3; Watkinson 20-8-71-1; Chapple 5-0-22-0; Irani 1-0-6-0

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 167 (G D Mendis 55)

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Byas b Robinson 26
J P Crawley not out 68
R C Irani c Richardson b Robinson 0
N J Speak not out 33
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 4) 10
Total (2 wkts) 137

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-60.

BOWLING: Gough 9-2-50-0; Robinson 18-7-30-2; Hartley 1-0-9-0; Carrick 16-7-21-0; Vaughan 4-0-19-0; White 1-0-2-0.

Bonus points: Lancashire 4, Yorkshire 5.

Umpires: H D Bird and K E Palmer

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Axa Equity & Law League

Middlesex v Northamptonshire

LORD'S (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Middlesex on a faster run rate in an overs-reduced match

MIDDLESEX

J C Pooley c Taylor b Ambrose 3
D L Haynes c Ambrose b Taylor 67
P N Weekes b Curran 36
J D Carr c Fordham b Bailey 32
A Habib c Loye b Taylor 15
*M W Gatting b Ambrose 2
†K R Brown not out 10
M Keech not out 2
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 6, nb 4) 18
Total (6 wkts, 38 overs) 185

R L Johnson, N G Cowans and C W Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-119, 3-124, 4-160, 5-163, 6-182.

BOWLING: Walker 7-1-36-0; Ambrose 8-1-18-2; Curran 8-0-46-1; Taylor 8-0-37-2; Cook 4-0-26-0; Bailey 3-0-12-1.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham c Gatting b Keech 36
M B Loye c Weekes b Taylor 11
R J Bailey b Weekes 7
R J Warren c Carr b Taylor 12
*A J Lamb not out 65
K M Curran st Brown b Keech 17
†D Ripley run out 0
C E L Ambrose not out 1
Extras (b 7, lb 7, w 10) 24
Total (6 wkts, 34.2 overs) 173

A Walker, J P Taylor and N G B Cook did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-46, 3-60, 4-140, 5-140, 6-157.

BOWLING: Johnson 7.2-1-46-0, Cowans 7-3-30-0; Taylor 8-0-33-2; Weekes 8-1-28-1; Keech 4-0-22-2.

Umpires: D J Constant and A G T Whitehead.

Derbyshire v Surrey

ILKESTON (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Derbyshire by five wickets in an overs-reduced match

DERBYSHIRE

*P D Bowler not out 76
C J Adams lbw b Boiling 66
J E Morris lbw b Hollioake 14
T J G O'Gorman b Hollioake 8
A S Rollins run out 0
D G Cork b Benjamin 8
F A Griffith b Waqar 3
†K M Krikken c Kersey b Waqar 3
A E Warner lbw b Waqar 6
S J Base run out 0
O H Mortensen run out 1
Extras (lb 9, w 5, nb 2) 16
Total (45.4 overs) 201

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-104, 2-125, 3-137, 4-147, 5-162, 6-168, 7-183, 8-191, 9-191.

BOWLING: Butcher 9-0-50-0; Benjamin 7.4-1-26-1; Hollioake 9-0-43-2; Waqar Younis 10-1-33-3; Boiling 10-0-40-1

SURREY

D J Bicknell lbw b Mortensen 0
A D Brown c Cork b Base 5
D M Ward not out 81
*M A Lynch b Base 3
A W Smith c and b Cork 58
A J Hollioake lbw b Base 1
M A Butcher not out 27
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 13, nb 8) 28
Total (5 wkts, 45.1 overs) 203

†G J Kersey, Waqar Younis, J Boiling and J E Benjamin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-10, 3-16, 4-129, 5-132.

BOWLING: Mortensen 10-2-21-1; Base 10-0-34-3; Warner 9-1-40-0; Griffith 6.1-0-53-0; Cork 10-1-48-1

Umpires: R Julian and D O Oslear

Lancashire v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Yorkshire by three wickets in an overs-reduced match

YORKSHIRE

D Byas c Barnett b DeFreitas 12
M P Vaughan lbw b DeFreitas 6
M J Foster hit wicket b Wasim 7
*M D Moxon lbw b Yates 35
†R J Blakey c Yates b Barnett 38
A P Grayson st Hegg b Barnett 3
C White st Hegg b Yates 24
D Gough run out 15
R D Stemp not out 12
J D Batty c Fairbrother b DeFreitas 3
M A Robinson not out 0
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 7, nb 2) 18
Total (9 wkts, 45 overs) 173

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-18, 3-32, 4-88, 5-104, 6-119, 7-144, 8-166, 9-171.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 8-0-31-3; Austin 5-3-7-0; Watkinson 9-2-26-0; Wasim Akram 9-0-30-1; Barnett 5-0-35-2; Yates 9-0-35-2.

LANCASHIRE

S P Titchard b White 18
I D Austin b Foster 25
J P Crawley c and b White 11
*N H Fairbrother c Byas b Batty 32
N J Speak run out 14
Wasim Akram not out 51
M Watkinson run out 1
P A J DeFreitas b Robinson 3
†W K Hegg not out 3
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 3, nb 6) 16
Total (7 wkts, 43.4 overs) 174

A A Barnett and G Yates did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-56, 3-69, 4-98, 5-147, 6-149, 7-166.

BOWLING: Gough 8.4-1-27-0; Robinson 9-1-44-1; Foster 5-0-20-1; White 9-1-35-2; Stemp 4-0-14-0; Batty 8-0-27-1.

Umpires: H D Bird and K E Palmer

Durham v Warwickshire

DARLINGTON (Durham won toss): Durham (4pts) beat Warwickshire by two wickets

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles b Hughes 4
J D Ratcliffe c Fowler b Bainbridge 6
D P Ostler c Scott b Brown 20
P A Smith c sub b Bainbridge 39
Asif Din b Cummins 66
R G Twose b Smith 25
N M K Smith b Cummins 17
†M Burns not out 5
D R Brown run out 6
M A V Bell b Cummins 3
*T A Munton b Cummins 0
Extras (lb 2, w 2) 4
Total (50 overs) 195

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-20, 3-46, 4-101, 5-155, 6-179, 7-182, 8-189, 9-195

BOWLING: Hughes 10-3-29-1; Cummins 10-2-29-4; Brown 10-1-37-1; Bainbridge 10-2-49-2; Graveney 8-1-32-0; Smith 2-0-17-1.

DURHAM

G Fowler c Munton b N M K Smith 38
W Larkins c N M K Smith b Bell 43
P W G Parker b N M K Smith 3
P Bainbridge run out 32
S Hutton c Twose b N M K Smith 9
I Smith b Twose 17
A C Cummins c Burns b Twose 19
†C W Scott c Munton b Twose 15
*D A Graveney not out 4
S J E Brown not out 0
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 4, nb 2) 17
Total (8 wkts, 49.2 overs) 197

S P Hughes did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-69, 2-75, 3-124, 4-130, 5-144, 6-166, 7-189, 8-193.

BOWLING: Munton 9.2-1-28-0; Brown 7-3-23-0; P A Smith 6-0-36-0; Bell 10-1-40-1; N M K Smith 10-1-28-3; Twose 7-0-31-3.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and G I Burgess.

Gloucestershire v Essex

BRISTOL (Essex won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by three wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

B C Broad b Topley 3
G D Hodgson b Ilott 2
S G Hinks c Childs b Topley 4
M W Alleyne c Garnham b Boden 4
R J Scott b Stephenson 45
T H C Hancock lbw b Childs 10
†R C Russell run out 27
R C Williams lbw b Stephenson 0
*C A Walsh run out 18
M Davies st Garnham b Stephenson 9
A M Smith not out 0
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 6) 13
Total (49.1 overs) 135

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-11, 3-15, 4-30, 5-49, 6-97, 7-97, 8-114, 9-134

BOWLING: Ilott 10-2-16-1; Topley 10-3-40-2; Boden 10-1-31-1; Stephenson 9.1-1-24-3; Childs 10-1-13-1.

ESSEX

N V Knight c Russell b Williams 22
J P Stephenson c Smith b Williams 35
N Shahid st Russell b Alleyne 18
Salim Malik lbw b Davies 12
*P J Prichard lbw b Alleyne 6
†M A Garnham lbw b Smith 4
J J B Lewis not out 13
T D Topley c Alleyne b Smith 2
M C Ilott not out 17
Extras (lb 3, w 3, nb 2) 8
Total (7 wkts, 49.1 overs) 139

D J P Boden and J H Childs did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-59, 3-82, 4-98, 5-100, 6-109, 7-113.

BOWLING: Smith 9.1-3-33-2; Walsh 10-1-25-0; Scott 10-3-17-0; Williams 10-3-29-2; Davies 4-0-17-1; Alleyne 6-0-15-2

Umpires: J D Bond and R A White

Somerset v Leicestershire

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (Leicestershire won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Leicestershire by 96 runs

SOMERSET

I Fletcher c Nixon b Parsons 5
M N Lathwell b Pierson 75
N A Folland not out 107
*R J Harden c Nixon b Mullally 3
G D Rose c Benson b Parsons 6
M Trescothick lbw b Pierson 4
Mushtaq Ahmed c Wells b Parsons 3
A Payne b Parsons 0
†R J Turner run out 1
J I D Kerr not out 15
Extras (b 7, lb 3, w 5, nb 6) 21
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) 240

A P Van Troost did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-120, 3-137, 4-174, 5-192, 6-208, 7-211, 8-213.

BOWLING: Parsons 10-1-31-4; Mullally 10-2-42-1; Dakin 6-0-38-0; Wells 10-0-51-0; Pierson 10-0-55-2; Benson 4-0-13-0

LEICESTERSHIRE

T J Boon c Harden b Kerr 14
J D R Benson c Turner b van Troost 13
*J J Whitaker c Harden b van Troost 0
P E Robinson lbw b Rose 18
B F Smith lbw b Mushtaq 25
V J Wells run out 39
†P A Nixon b Mushtaq 11
J Dakin run out 2
G J Parsons c Lathwell b Kerr 7
A R K Pierson c Turner b van Troost 0
A D Mullally not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 4, nb 2) 15
Total (41.3 overs) 144

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-23, 3-37, 4-78, 5-83, 6-125, 7-129, 8-143, 9-144

BOWLING: Rose 8-1-28-1; Van Troost 7.3-1-17-3; Kerr 8-0-33-2; Payne 6-0-15-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 10-1-28-2; Lathwell 2-0-14-0.

Umpires: N T Plews and D R Shepherd

Worcestershire v Kent

WORCESTER (Worcestershire won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Worcestershire on a faster run-rate in an overs-reduced match

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T S Curtis c Llong b Igglesden 6
D B D'Oliveira c Cowdrey b Igglesden 25
A C H Seymour b Headley 20
G R Haynes c and b Igglesden 6
D A Leatherdale lbw b Igglesden 0
†S J Rhodes c Cowdrey b Hooper 35
M J Weston b Igglesden 24
S R Lampitt not out 23
P J Newport b Headley 14
N V Radford b Headley 6
R K Illingworth not out 3
Extras (b 4, lb 12, w 4, nb 4) 24
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 186

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-35, 3-51, 4-51, 5-77, 6-123, 7-129, 8-161, 9-175.

BOWLING: Igglesden 10-1-29-5; Ealham 10-2-43-0; Fleming 10-0-25-0; Headley 10-0-47-3; Hooper 10-1-26-1

KENT

T R Ward c D'Oliveira b Newport 27
N J Llong c Rhodes b Haynes 6
C L Hooper run out 47
N R Taylor lbw b Haynes 9
J I Longley c Rhodes b Lampitt 20
G R Cowdrey not out 10
M V Fleming not out 11
Extras (lb 11, w 2) 13
Total (5 wkts, 38 overs) 143

*†S A Marsh, M A Ealham, D W Headley and A P Igglesden did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-46, 3-65, 4-110, 5-124.

BOWLING: Newport 8-1-34-1; Haynes 10-2-30-2; Radford 9-0-35-0; Lampitt 9-0-21-1; Illingworth 2-0-12-0

Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater

Glamorgan v Hampshire

SWANSEA (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Hampshire by six wickets

HAMPSHIRE

M D Marshall c Metson b Lefebvre 6
V P Terry c Barwick b Dale 48
R A Smith c Cottey b Dale 75
J R Wood b Dale 8
*M C J Nicholas c Lefebvre b Barwick 21
R M F Cox b Richards 2
†A N Aymes not out 7
S D Udal c Metson b Lefebvre 0
M Jean-Jacques c Cottey b Barwick 4
C A Connor not out 6
Extras (b 2, lb 15, w 11) 28
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) 207

I J Turner did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-131, 3-152, 4-167, 5-176, 6-186, 7-188, 8-201

BOWLING: Bastien 10-1-33-0; Lefebvre 10-2-22-2; Croft 8-0-46-0; Barwick 9-1-49-2; Dale 6-0-25-3; Richards 7-0-15-1

GLAMORGAN

S P James run out 4
*H Morris run out 81
A Dale lbw b Jean-Jacques 20
I V A Richards c Nicholas b Turner 5
P A Cottey not out 75
R D B Croft not out 6
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 14) 18
Total (4 wkts, 47.3 overs) 209

D L Hemp, R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson, S Bastien and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-57, 3-76, 4-187

BOWLING: Connor 10-0-53-0; Marshall 9.3-2-32-0; Jean-Jacques 10-0-47-1; Turner 10-0-41-1; Udal 8-0-33-0.

Umpires: J W Holder and P B Wight

One-day international

Sri Lanka v South Africa

KANDY (South Africa won toss): Match abandoned

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama run out 49
U C Hathurusinghe c Cullinan b Symcox 51
P A de Silva c Rhodes c Symcox 2
*A Ranatunga c Snell b Donald 29
S T Jayasuriya run out 3
A P Gurusinha not out 22
†R S Kaluwitharana not out 1
Extras (lb 7, w 15) 22
Total (5 wkts, 41.3 overs) 179

H C Tillekaratne, R S Kalpage, G P Wickremasinghe and M Muralidaran did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-110, 2-116, 3-121, 4-127, 5-171

BOWLING: Donald 7-0-23-1; De Villiers 5-0-23-0; Snell 6.3-0-33-0; McMillan 5-0-33-0; Symcox 9-1-28-2; Cronje 9-0-32-0

SOUTH AFRICA

A C Hudson b De Silva 6
*K C Wessels c Ranatunga b De Silva 4
W J Cronje c Mahanama b Muralidaran 22
D J Cullinan b Muralidaran 0
J N Rhodes not out 8
B M McMillan not out 3
Extras (lb 5, w 4) 9
Total (4 wkts, 14 overs) 52

†D J Richardson, R P Snell, P S de Villiers, P Symcox and A A Donald did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-25, 3-39, 4-40

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 3-1-6-0; De Silva 5-0-23-2; Kalpage 1-0-3-0; Muralidaran 3-0-6-2; Jayasuriya 2-0-9-0.

Umpires: P Manuel and B C Cooray

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WALKER

Winner and runner-up in Murphy's English Open clinch Ryder Cup places

Woosnam's victory gives him week's rest

By Mel Webb

IAN Woosnam showed his mastery of the fine art of brinkmanship when he waited until almost the last moment before claiming a Ryder Cup place with victory in the Murphy's English Open yesterday. The manner of his triumph, however, was very different. Put simply, he walked it.

On Friday Woosnam, at total peace with his putter for the first time in almost two years, said he felt a low round coming on. He could not have read his form better. He closed with rounds of 65 and 66 for a total of 269, 19 under par, to beat the Italian, Costantino Rocca, who had a final 69, by two strokes with the veteran Spaniard, José Maria Cañizares, a shot further back.

The £100,000 first prize thus moved Woosnam from tenth place in the Ryder Cup list to fourth on 373,938 points, while Rocca's £66,660 haul hoisted him from seventh to fifth. Both can, at last, breathe easily.

TABLE

EUROPEAN RYDER CUP TABLE: Leading positions (GB and Ire unless stated): 1, N Faldo, 513,022.50; 2, C Montgomerie, 451,988.08; 3, B Langer (Ger), 412,108.98; 4, I Woosnam, 374,938.12; 5, C Rocca (It), 371,257.25; 6, B Lane, 369,382.75; 7, M James, 345,385.08; 8, S Torrance, 326,929.20; 9, P Baker, 306,209.17; 10, J-M Olazábal (Sp), 282,488.14; 11, R Rafferty, 276,575.99; 12, M Roe, 270,965.74; 13, J Haeggman (Swe), 267,683.43; 14, P Broadhurst, 262,856.84; 15, A Forsbrand (Swe), 261,223.26; 16, S Richardson, 252,636.24; 17, J Spence, 242,343.31; 18, G Brand Jr, 236,623.93.

Their performances at the Forest of Arden this week have confirmed an appointment with the United States just a handful of miles up the road at The Belfry next month.

Among the first to congratulate Woosnam was Bernard Gallacher, the Europe Ryder Cup captain. "I am absolutely delighted for Ian," he said. "He has shown tremendous commitment, especially in the last few weeks. He is obviously playing very well, and there is no question that his experience will be a big plus factor for us at The Belfry."

For Woosnam the overwhelming feeling was one of relief. "I'm thrilled to have won," he said. "I've been playing well for some time, but my putting was holding me back. Now I feel that everything has got a little bit better. Now I'm just looking forward to the Ryder Cup."

Woosnam, who had said that if his Cup place was not assured he would have been prepared to play this week in the German Open — the last counting event for Cup points — will now take the week off for a spot of rest and recreation in his new home in Jersey.

With Woosnam's victory, the spotlight has been turned on to José Maria Olazábal, who has been pushed down to tenth place in the Cup list. Only the top nine earn their places by right, and Olazábal had said that he would not be playing again in Europe before Gallacher nominates his three wild-card selections a week today.

Olazábal has been playing in the United States for the last two weeks, and he may now feel obliged to give Gallacher as much freedom as possible by trying to play his way into the team this week in Düsseldorf.

Woosnam's form in the last two rounds of the tournament was that of a man completely in charge of his game. Yesterday he played 17 holes in seven under par, and the fact that he had his second bogey of the day on the 72nd hole of the tournament was no more than a statistical irrelevance. He had at least one hand on the silverware long before that.

He rolled in an eight-foot putt on the 5th for his third birdie of the day to move to 16 under par, a shot in front of Rocca, the leader by one at the start of the day.

At the next came the pivotal point of the round. He cast his drive way to the right, one of his few wayward shots of the day, and was saved from a lost ball in the nick of time with the help of several hundred volunteers from the gallery.

He dropped a shot there, but so did Rocca, and after that small alarm he moved steadily, irrevocably, towards victory. Here was a man on a mission; he completed the job like the thoroughbred performer he is.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (British and Irish unless stated): 269: I Woosnam, 71, 67, 65, 66. 271: C Rocca (It), 70, 68, 64, 69. 272: J-M Cañizares (Sp), 66, 71, 66, 69. 278: R Rafferty, 73, 68, 69, 68; D Clarke, 68, 72, 68, 70. 279: P Mitchell, 70, 72, 69, 68; B Marchbank, 70, 69, 74, 66; P-U Johansson (Swe), 68, 73, 69, 69; M Roe, 69, 73, 67, 70. 280: R Goosen (SA), 74, 67, 70, 69; H Clark, 71, 69, 68, 72; J Haeggman (Swe), 70, 69, 68, 73. 281: A Bossert (Switz), 72, 72, 68, 69; P Broadhurst, 69, 73, 69, 70; A Lyle, 72, 70, 69, 70; P Curry, 69, 70, 71, 71; A Johnstone (Zim), 66, 71, 73, 71; S Richardson, 67, 72, 70, 72; J Rivero (Sp), 69, 69, 70, 73; J Hawkes (SA), 70, 66, 69, 74. 282: P Baker, 74, 65, 77, 66; D Hospital (Sp), 75, 66, 71, 68. 283: D Gilford, 70, 70, 71, 72; G Brand Jr, 71, 69, 71, 72.

JOHN GICHIGI



Rocca, the runner-up who has gone from seventh to fifth in the Ryder Cup list, plays out of a bunker

Flawless Fairclough lifts first title

From Patricia Davies in Haninge, Sweden

LORA Fairclough, a 23-year-old Lancastrian, displayed the calm aplomb of a seasoned veteran as she won the IBM Open, the first victory of her professional career, here yesterday.

On a bright, sunny, afternoon, with the 18th green surrounded by spectators, Fairclough was able to savour every moment of her triumph. Playing the last she was five shots ahead of Corinne Dibnah, of Australia, and even though she drove into a bunker, she kept her head and knew, when she chipped to six feet, that the title was hers. Fittingly, she holed the putt for her par five, to finish with a flawless round of 70, three under par, and a winning total of 280, 12 under.

Dibnah, who also shot 70, was second, on 285, with Carin Hjalmarsson, of Sweden, third on 286. Karen Lunn, the British Open champion, shared fourth place, on 287, with Jane Geddes, of the United States, and Annika Sorenstam, the exciting young Swede, who finished with a 67.

Fairclough, who won £15,000, had to disqualify herself from the Weetabix Women's British Open last week when she signed for a wrong score. But she felt that careless error had helped her this week. "It made me more determined," she said. "I got my act together."

Fairclough, in her third year as a professional, led Lunn by four shots after a third round of 67 that included six birdies in a row and yesterday she was paired with the big-hitting Australian. Lunn outdrove Fairclough by 15 to 20 yards but she was not intimidated.

The first is a par five of 487 yards and, after hitting a nine-iron to eight feet, she had to wait for several minutes while Lunn received official confirmation that her ball was not on the green. The Australian, 60 feet from the hole, then putted up to two feet, to start with a birdie four, but Fairclough, having made good use of her time and sized up her putt to perfection, rolled it in for a birdie of her own.

The first awkward moment for Fairclough came at the fourth, a dog-leg right, where she hit a poor second shot with a six-iron. She was 30 feet from the pin and misjudged the slope so badly that her first putt finished eight feet from the hole. In went the putt and Fairclough, whose quiet demeanour hides a fierce determination, had the look of a champion.

So composed was she that she joined Lunn in encouraging the Australian's birdie putt at the fifth into the hole. "Go in," they both said, and it did. At the next, however, it was Fairclough who holed, from 30 feet, for a birdie three, after a poor second shot.

Lunn birdied the ninth, but was still four shots behind and slipped to five behind with a bogey at the 10th. When Fairclough hit a five-iron to 15 feet at the 12th and holed the putt for a birdie two, it was obvious she would not crack and a round of 15 pars and three birdies left no room for doubt.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 280: L Fairclough, 72, 71, 67, 70. 285: C Dibnah (Aus), 72, 73, 70, 70. 286: C Hjalmarsson (Swe), 72, 71, 71, 72. 287: K Lunn (Aus), 75, 68, 71, 73; A Sorenstam (Swe) 75, 74, 71, 67; J Geddes (US), 73, 74, 71, 69. 288: P Johnson, 73, 73, 72, 70. 289: M Hageman (Holl), 77, 73, 66, 73. 290: L Davies, 74, 74, 68, 74. 291: H Alfredsson (Swe), 74, 76, 71, 70; C Nilsmark (Swe), 77, 69, 72, 73; S Moon (US), 74, 70, 73, 74. 292: A Gottmo (Swe), 72, 72, 74, 74; A Nicholas, 75, 71, 71, 75; M Lunn (Aus), 74, 71, 71, 76.

Mickelson in front

PHIL Mickelson remained patient through two long delays for lightning to take the lead after the third round of The International tournament at Castle Rock, Colorado, on Saturday.

Mickelson, 23, a former US amateur champion who won on the PGA Tour before he turned professional last year, compiled six birdies and just one bogey on the Castle Pines course for a five-under-par 67, worth 11 points in the modified stableford format.

He had 29 points with one round to play, three points more than his fellow American, Phil Blackmar, who double-bogeyed the final hole to drop back.

The format awards players eight points for double eagle, five for eagle, two for birdie, nought for par, minus one for bogey and minus three for double bogey or worse.

Mickelson returned to form when he finished sixth equal at last week's PGA Championship.

Injury to horse leaves Stark in lurch

By Jenny MacArthur

IAN Stark, the European three-day event champion, will be unable to defend his title in Germany next month after his horse, Clan Royal, damaged a tendon at the Kimberly-Clark Scottish championships, the final trial for the British team, yesterday.

Stark, who had been concerned to prove his own fitness yesterday after breaking a leg four weeks ago, was lying sixteenth after the cross-country but had to withdraw when Clan Royal trotted out lame before the show jumping. Stark, who had no problem with his own leg, has no reserve horse.

The championships were won by Sally Corscadden, of Ireland, on Cageadore after Mary Thomson, the leader after the cross-country on King William, had ten penalties in the show jumping, dropping to ninth place.

However, there was plenty to cheer the British selectors who announce the team for the European championships today. Nick Burton, on Bertie Blunt, and Virginia Leng, the national champion, on Welton Houdini, underlined their claims for a place when finishing second and third.

Both had the same score as Corscadden but were marginally slower across country.

Of the 11 riders longlisted for the British team only Lynne Bevan, who had a refusal at fence 20 with both her horses, incurred any jumping penalties on the cross-country course. Kristina Gifford produced one of the most impressive performances over the inviting course, finishing eighth on Song and Dance Man.

Corscadden, the daughter of Barry Hercock, a former Joint-Master of the Quorn, now looks certain for a place in the Irish team for the European championships.

In 1991 she was selected as an individual and was fourth after the cross-country but did not complete the show jumping. Yesterday's win of £1,500 was the biggest of her career.

Mark Todd, New Zealand's dual Olympic champion, took fourth place on Just An Ace after a copybook performance across country. His compatriot, Blyth Tait, the world champion who was hoping for a third win with Ricochet before retiring him, finished fifth.

Tait had to be treated with anti-histamine after the cross-country having swallowed a bee while on the course.

RESULTS: Scottish championships: 1, Cageadore (S Corscadden, Ire), 39; 2, Bertie Blunt (N Burton, GB), 39; 3, Welton Houdini (V Leng, GB), 39; 4, Just An Ace (M Todd, NZ), 40; 5, Ricochet (B Tait, NZ), 44; 6, King Boris (M Thomson, GB) 46.

Radisich battles through for first victory

By Stephen Slater

PAUL Radisich yesterday scored an historic 200th victory for Ford in the British Touring Car Championship at Brands Hatch. It was the first race win for both the New Zealander and his Ford Mondeo and Radisich scored the victory in style, defending his lead from start to finish of one of the most exciting races seen at the Kent track.

Radisich snatched the lead at the first corner, out-accelerating the Écurie Écosse Vauxhall Cavalier of David Leslie and championship leader Joachim Winkelhock, of Germany, who continued their red-hot rivalry on the opening lap as the BMW driver nudged the Cavalier into a slide. Leslie dropped from second to fifth as he fought for control, allowing Winkelhock to gain the place.

By the fifth lap, Leslie had fought his way back on to the BMW's tail and the pair clashed again at Druids Hill Bend. The impact spun Winkelhock's car through 180 degrees, forcing him to rejoin at the tail of the field and it also delayed Leslie, who eventually recovered to finish thirteenth.

However, at the head of the field, Radisich was in control. Behind him, the 1990 champion, Robb Gravett, in a Peugeot, and Steve Soper, in a BMW, were closing fast, but even when faced with passing two back-markers who were so intent on their personal battle that they blocked the leaders, Radisich still managed to slice through a gap. Behind him Gravett hesitated and Soper forced his way through to take second place as the three leading cars crossed the finish-line covered by just one second.

However, the dramas were still not over. After the race, the stewards of the meeting judged that Soper's overtaking move was unfair and the results were reversed to give Gravett second place.

RESULTS: 1, P Radisich, Ford Mondeo, 29min 25.80sec (88.33mph); 2, R Gravett, Peugeot, 29:26.84; 3, S Soper, BMW, 29:26.51; 4, W Hoy, Toyota, 29:27.08; 5, K Odor, Nissan Primera, 29:27.71; 6, A Rouse, Ford Mondeo, 29:28.39.

☐ Wayne Rainey won the Czech 500cc motorcycle grand prix yesterday and took the championship lead from his fellow American, Kevin Schwantz. Rainey, the triple defending world champion, has an 11-point advantage over Schwantz, who led the title race for the first ten races.

Schwantz could finish only a distant fifth as Rainey won by 7.7 seconds from his Roberts Yamaha team-mate, Luca Cadalora, of Italy, the British grand prix winner. Mick Doohan, of Australia, was third on a Honda.

FOR THE RECORD

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Carlton 17 goals, 15 behinds (117) bt Collingwood 8, 15 (63); Hawthorn 17, 13 (115) bt Adelaide Crows 13, 10 (88); Fitzroy 22, 15 (147) bt Brisbane Bears 5, 13 (43); Geelong 19, 12 (126) bt Essendon 14, 10 (94); Footscray 14, 10 (94) bt West Coast Eagles 7, 10 (52); Melbourne 26, 19 (175) bt Richmond 6, 6 (54). N Melbourne 25, 10 (160) bt Sydney Swans 14, 14 (98).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago Cubs 6, Atlanta 3; Cincinnati 4, Montreal 2; Philadelphia 6, Houston 4; Los Angeles 3, St Louis 2; Pittsburgh 7, San Diego 5; Florida 5, San Francisco 4. Saturday: Atlanta 6, Chicago Cubs 3; San Francisco 7, Florida 4; Colorado 4, New York Mets 3 and 8-6; Montreal 6, Cincinnati 3; Houston 3, Philadelphia 2 (10 inns). Los Angeles 8, St Louis 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Oakland 7, Detroit 6; New York Yankees 7, Kansas City 2; Baltimore 10, Texas 5; Cleveland 7, Boston 6; Seattle 4, Toronto 1. Chicago White Sox 4, Minnesota 2, Milwaukee 7, California 2 (10 inns). Saturday: Cleveland 10, Boston 5; Detroit 4, Oakland 3; New York Yankees 3, Kansas City 2; Seattle 5, Toronto 2; Baltimore 6, Texas 5 (12 inns); Chicago White Sox 9, Minnesota 4; California 7, Milwaukee 6.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: National smallbore rifle championships: British prone championship: 1, J Oliphant (Basildon), 788pts; 2, R Law (Stirling Royal Infirmary), 784; 3, D Baker (East Antrim), 782. Northern Ireland championship: Baker, 782. Welsh championship: J Dallimore, 782. English championship: J Booker (Lensbury), 780. Annie Oakley Cup (leading woman) J Baker (Vauxhall Motors), 774. SF Rhodes Cup (juniors): K Gibbons (Appleton), 389. Duchess of Kent Cup (women's Bisley championship): Baker, 789. Flowers Trophy (women's open meeting championship) E Johnson, 974. Bovril Shield: 1, England, 3,830; 2, Scotland, 3,824; 3, Wales, 3,793. Cutt Cup (women's international): 1, England, 1,882; 2, Scotland, 1,873. Under-21 international (3s): 1, England, 1,134 (K Gibbons, 381); equal 2, Scotland and Wales, 1,105. Queen Alexandra Cup (6s) 1, Sussex, 2,384 (D Parish, 406); 2, Middlesex, 2,384 (A Eustance, 407); 3, Bucks 2,380 (I Smithurst, 406).

SWIMMING

DOVER-FOLKESTONE RACE (6km): Men: 1, J Van Wisse (Aus), 1hr 10min 29sec; 2, J Palfrey, 1:10.53; 3, S Emm, 1:15.11. Women: 1, T Van Wisse (Aus), 1:11.46; 2, B Young, 1:22.34; 3, R Godburn, 1:25.29.

TRIATHLON

KAIZUCHO, Japan: Nagaragawa International (1.5km swim, 40km cycle, 10km run): Men: 1, T Bently (Aus), 1hr 55min 05sec; 2, M Kojima (Japan), 1:56.57; 3, M Trees (GB), 1:57.57; 4, P White (Can), 1:58.50; 5, J Black (US), 2:00.03. Women: 1, M Kobayashi (Japan), 2:19.00.

RUGBY LEAGUE

WINFIELD CUP: Canberra Raiders 68, Parramatta 0; St George 23, Canterbury-Bankstown 8; North Sydney 8, Illawarra Steelers 28; Penrith 14, Brisbane Broncos 34; Newcastle Knights 50, Gold Coast Seagulls 6; Western Suburbs 32, South Sydney 10; Eastern Suburbs 14, Manly-Warringah 22; Balmain 12, Cronulla-Sutherland 14.

TABLE TENNIS

GUANGZHOU, China: Men's World Cup: Quarter-finals: Z Primorac (Cro) bt Chen Xinhua (Eng), 21-17, 21-18; P Karlsson (Swe) bt Ding Yi (Austria), 21-13, 21-11; Wang Tao (China) bt J-M Saive (Bel), 21-12, 21-18; J Huang (Can) bt Ma Wenge (China), 21-12, 21-7. Semi-finals: Primorac bt Karlsson, 10-21, 21-19, 21-19, 21-23, 21-17; Wang Tao bt Huang, 21-13, 21-15, 21-8. Final: Primorac bt Wang Tao, 21-19, 16-21, 21-18, 18-21, 21-18.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Australia 19, South Africa 12 (in Sydney, Australia win series, 2-1).

BOWLS

WORTHING: Sanatogen EBA championships: Singles: Final: J Wickham (Totnes) bt G Charlton (Folkestone), 21-17.

NATWEST BANK MIDDLETON CUP: Semi-finals: Cumbria 122, Somerset 108, Kent 133, Norfolk 96. Final: Kent 145, Cumbria 73 (Kent skips first) A Thomson 20, D Ramsdale 11; M Selyer 20, J Bell 10; R Price 26, S Airey 12, G Charlton 20, S Farish 23; C Hall 27, J Wills 6; G Smith 32, A Bader 11.

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Nottinghamshire 134, Leicestershire 112.

COUNTY MATCHES: Bedfordshire 125, Northants 124; Worcestershire 132, Buckinghamshire 118.

CLUB MATCHES: Belgrave 93, Westcotes 104; Blaby 136, Bitton 112; Coventry Stoke 110, Rugby Thornfield 118; Earls Barton 138, Kettering Lodge 110; Eastnor 128, Overbury 79; Goodwood 103, Birstall 94; Hereford 87, Ebbw Vale 132; Hinckley 127, Coventry Stoke 109; Holwell Works 105, Belgrave 86; Kingsthorpe 119, British Timpkin 80; Knighton Victoria 124, St Margaret's 70; Leamington 158, Coventry Avenue 35; Leicester 68, Melton 88; Loughborough 101, Blaby 100; Narborough 109, Hinckley 110; Rugby Oakfield 114, Potterions 116; Westcotes 109, Loughborough 65; Whitnash 120, Sphinx 118; Worcester 138, Woolton 105.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford: Essex 173 (G Yates 6-41) and 251 (A R Butcher 63, M Dwan 50); Lancashire 400-9 dec (S P Titchard 102, G D Lloyd 59, N P Harvey 58 not out) and 25-0. Lancs won by 10 wkts. Hinckley: Leicestershire 300 (W J Adlam 100, A F Haye 73, R C Williams 6-84) and 174 (J D R Benson 83, R C Williams 4-66). Gloucestershire 262 (D R Hewson 86, A J Wright 71, J M Dakin 5-69) and 216-1 (R J Scott 124 not out, U Sisodia 62). Gloucs won by 9 wkts. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 366-6 dec (M A Crawley 108, M Saxelby 60, S Bramhall 55) and 335-2 dec (G F Archer 139 not out, M P Dowman 113 not out); Kent 300-8 dec (G R Cowdrey 169, S C Willis 60, J E Hindson 4-96) and 285 (J I Longley 135, J E Hindson 8-131). Notts won by 116 runs. York: Worcestershire 316-8 dec (G A Pollock 96) and 310-3 dec (A C H Seymour 114, W P C Weston 104, Pollock 56 not out); Yorkshire 314-5 dec (S A Kellett 89, N J Foster 74 not out, B Parker 50) and 187-4 (S A Kellett 58, A A Metcalfe 56). Match drawn. Edgbaston: Warwickshire 271-8 dec (C E Mulraine 64) and 205-7 dec (M Burns 70), Durham 226 (P A Booth 4-34) and 141-6 (R M S Weston 50 not out; G Welch 4-33, incl hat-trick). Match drawn. Northampton: Northamptonshire 283 (T C Walton 64, R R Montgomerie 55) and 325-6 (W M Noon 100 not out, T W Harrison 56); Surrey 371 (R Alikhan 158, M A Butcher 56). Match drawn. Taunton: Somerset 441-5 dec (N D Burns 225 not out, A Payne 77, G W White 76) and 185 (K A Parsons 55, K P Dutch 6-75); Middlesex 387 (A Habib 123, Dutch 57, J C Pooley 50, A C Cottam 6-15) and 240-8 (P Farbrace 69, H R J Trump 4-98). Middlesex won by 2 wkts.

CYCLING

HAMAR, Norway: World track championships: Men: 4,000 metres team pursuit: Final: Australia, 4:03.840 (world record) bt Germany, 4:09.340. Keirin: Qualifying round: Heat one: 1, T Yoshioka (Japan); 2, M Hübner (Ger); 3, L-B Nielsen (Den); 5, P McHugh (GB). Final: 1, G Neiwand (Aus); 2, M Nothstein (US); 3, T Yoshioka (Japan); 4, N Kovsh (Russ); 5, Y Yamada (Japan); 6, F Magne (Fr). Women: Points race: Final: 1, I Haringa (Holl), 27pts; 2, S Samokhvalova (Russ), 16; 3, J Grieco (US), 14; 4, K Wercko (Bel), 12; 5, B Erdin-Ganz (Switz), 10; 6, N Even (Fr), 10.

ROAD RACES: Grand Prix of Wales pro-am (Abergavenny, 119 mls): 1, K Reynolds (Banana), 4hr 42min 42sec; 2, M Stephens (RT Italia), at 02sec; 3, M Walsham (PCA) at 1min 33sec. Scottish championship (Glenrothes, 92 mls): 1, D Wilson (Johnstone Wheelers), 3:38:53; 2, K Riddle (Moray Firth RT), same time; 3, A Matheson (Musselburgh RCC), at 1:31. BCF national veterans' series (Fareham, 77 mls): K Platts (Coalville Wheelers), 3:18.27. Chequers RC (Amersham, 75 mls): G Baker (Olympia Sport), 2:55:25. Mike Binks Memorial (Middlesbrough, 89 mls): P Curran (Dinnington RC), 3:32:00. Worcester St John's CC (Malvern, 90 mls): N Martin (Dinnington RC), 3:38:18.

TIME-TRIALS: Welsh CA 100-mile championship (Raglan): J French (Bath CC), 3:57:03. Team: Port Talbot Wheelers, 13:00:45. Middlesex RC (50 mls): M McNamara (Rockingham CC), 1:54:38. Team: Leicestershire RC, 6:29:26. Gala CC (Berwick, 50 mls): C Isatts (Berwick Wheelers), 1:59:06. Team: Berwick Wheelers, 6:31:27. Ipswich BC (30 mls): M Pyne (Polytechnic CC), 1:07:33. Salisbury RC (25 mls): L Paxton (Salisbury RC), 52:46 (event record). Team: Salisbury RC, 2:47:01. Mapperley CC (25 mls): K Dawson (GS Strada), 53:16 (event record). Team: Coalville Wheelers, 2:47:27. Fullarton Wheelers (Ayrshire, 25 mls): D Nicholson (Greenock RC), 55:26. Team: Ayr RCC, 2:57:49. Eastbourne Rovers (25 mls): S Elms (East Grinstead CC), 56:20. Midland Counties CA (25 mls): B Charley (Stourbridge CC), 57:02. Abercynon RC (10 mls): A Dow (Pembrokeshire Velo), 20:58. Team: Cwmcarn Paragon, 1:05:56. Women: C Greenwood (Cardiff Byways RCC), 22:15 (Welsh record).

GOLF

GULLANE: British women's amateur strokeplay championship: Leading final scores: 290: J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry), 74, 68, 73, 75. 296: L Brooky (NZ), 70, 77, 74, 74. 297: M McKay (Turnberry), 78, 72, 77, 70. 299: J Morley (Sale), 74, 73, 78, 74. 300: K Tebbet (East Devon), 71, 70, 77, 82. 301: A Rose (Stirling), 76, 76, 75, 74. 302: S Burnell (Burnham and Berrow), 79, 73, 73, 77. 304: A Rogers (The Island), 80, 74, 75, 75. 305: L Nicholson (Haddington), 76, 75, 76, 78. 306: U Van Heyne (Swe), 78, 75, 74, 79; J Hockley (Felixstowe Ferry), 77, 74, 78, 77; M Brink (Swe), 75, 75, 76, 80. 307: V Thomas (Pennard), 73, 78, 76, 80.

BROOKLYN PARK, Minnesota: Women's tournament: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 66: D Lofland-Dormann. 67: C Rarick, E Daniel. 68: J Stephenson (Aus), M McNamara, S Farwig, T Barrett. 69: D Richard, G Graham (Can). British: 70: S Strudwick. 75: C Pierce. 77: K Davies.

CASTLE ROCK, Colorado: Men's stableford tournament: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated). 29pts: P Mickelson, 11, 7, 11. 26: P Blackmar, 6, 15, 5. 23: M O'Meara, 13, 9, 1. S Simpson 2, 13, 8. 22: B Faxon, 13, 7, 2; S Kendall, 12, 9, 1; G Norman (Aus), 11, 6, 5. 21: V Singh (Fiji), 2, 4, 15.

HATOYAMAMACHI, Japan: Men's tournament: Leading final scores (Japan unless stated): 272: F Minoza (Phil), 66, 71, 66, 69 (won at 2nd hole play-off); Chen Tze-chung (Taiwan), 67, 70, 67, 68. 275: P McWhinney (Aus), 74, 69, 68, 64. 276: M Kawamura, 66, 70, 69, 71. 279: T Hamilton (US), 69, 69, 73, 67; T Higa, 71, 71, 66, 70. British: 289: P Hoad, 71, 72, 70, 75.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Bradford 57, Reading 51; Eastbourne 62, Belle Vue 46; King's Lynn 65, Poole 43; Coventry 50, Ipswich 58. Second division: Swindon 59, Long Eaton 49.

CHALLENGE MATCH: Cradley Heath 35, Wolverhampton 45.

SQUASH

SYDNEY: Australian women's open: Quarter-finals: M Martin (Aus) bt F Geaves (Eng), 15-6, 15-10, 15-9; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt C Owens (Aus), 15-4, 15-8, 10-15, 14-15, 15-11; L Irving (Aus) bt R Macree (Eng), 15-14, 15-12, 15-8; C Jackman (Eng) bt C Nitch (SA), 11-15, 15-12, 15-9, 11-15, 15-6. Semi-finals: Martin bt FitzGerald, 15-6, 15-11, 15-5; Irving bt Jackman, 11-15, 15-12, 15-9, 11-15, 15-6. Final: Martin bt Irving, 15-13, 15-8, 15-5.

YACHTING

TORQUAY: Labatts Ultra 30 grand prix (after three races): 1, Black Bottle (L Smith), 78pts; 2, Roland Signmaker (P Newland), 55; 3, Team Birmingham (A Beadsworth), 35; 4, DBS (R Peters), 30; 5, BT Marine (I Southworth), 25; 6, Rockport (O Stewart), 0.

PWLLHELI: Firefly national championship: 1, Matelot (R Robinson, L Ryan); 2, Grasshopper (S Tylecote, E Gage); 3, Double Glazing (S McQueen, L McQueen).

MOTOCROSS

TOKYO: Japanese grand prix: First race: 1, D Schmit (US), Yamaha; 2, A Puzar (It), Yamaha; 3, K Nicoll (GB), Honda; 4, M Larocco (US), Kawasaki KX; 5, P Johansson (Swe), Yamaha; 6, F Bolley (Fr), Yamaha. Second race: 1, Puzar; 2, Schmit; 3, G Albertyn (SA), Honda; 4, Bolley; 5, S Everts (Bel), Suzuki RM; 6, M Larocco (US), Kawasaki KX. Third race: 1, Larocco; 2, Puzar; 3, E Everson (Holl), Kawasaki; 4, T Vohland (US), Suzuki; 5, Bolley; 6, W Liles (US), Kawasaki. Leading world championship positions: 1, Albertyn, 624pts; 2, Everts, 526; 3, Schmit, 447; 4, Nicoll, 343; 5, M Bervoets (Bel), 295; 6, T Parker (US), 256.

ICE HOCKEY

TAMPERE, Finland: Tampere Cup: Group B: Ilves (Fin) 1, United States 4.

GLIDING

BIDFORD ON AVON, Warwicks: British junior national championships: no flying for two days.

BICESTER, Oxon: British Aerospace inter-services championships: Leading positions (after four days). Open: 1, R Jones, Nimbus 4, 2,853pts; 2, D Stewart, Ventus B, 2,860; 3, M Boyden (RAF), Nimbus 3DT, 2,761. Sport: 1, D Cockburn (RAF), Discus, 2,793; 2, J Arnold (RAF), Discus, 2,545; 3, R Evans (RAF), Discus, 2,506. Club: 1, A Jelden, Libelle, 2,396; 2, R Witter, Dart 17, 2,266; 3, T Mitchell (RAF), Grob Acro, 2,072.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROTTERDAM HARBOUR GRAND PRIX: 1, Almox Rush On (L Beerbaum, Ger), 0 faults, 37.89sec; 2, Apricot D (H Simon, Austria), 0, 39.15; 3, Trudo Darco (L Philippaerts, Bel), 7, 50.84; 8, Everest Midnight Madness (M Whitaker, GB); 10, Cannonball (R Smith, GB). The Environment Prize: 1, Si Jolie (H Godignon, Fr) and Quenelle San Patrignano (M Robert, Fr), 36pts, 96.41sec; 2, Yorkshire Gent (G Fletcher, GB) and Fleurance (J Popely, GB), 36, 88.20; 3, Playboy (R Fischer, Austria) and Embassador (M Armstrong, GB), 36, 100. Zadelhoff Prize: 1, Catherston Dazzler (J Loriston-Clarke, GB), 1,260pts; 2, Zazou (E Jansen, Holl), 1,254; 3, Gladly (D Catlin, US), 1,239; 4, Fresa (S Dwyer, GB), 1,235. Grand prix special: 1, Flash Dancer (A Merbelt, Ire), 1,411pts; 2, Biotop (R Klimke, Ger), 1,391; 3, Marcus (F Craig, NZ), 1,371.

MORETON MORRELL, Warwick: Pony Club Equalan tetrathlon championships: Boys: 1, North Cotswold, 13,000 pts; 2, Meath Hunt, 12,493; 3, Warwickshire, 12,384. Individual members: 1, M Johnson (BWH), 4,410; 2, D Storer (North Cotswold), 4,403; 3, J Whetman (Four Burrow), 4,391. Individual associates: 1 (and best overall), C Low (East Cornwall), 4,563; 2, J Griffin (Ward Union), 4,488; 3, J Stephens (North Cotswold), 4,442. Girls: 1, Flint and Denbigh, 12,178; 2, OBH Chilterns, 12,096; 3, Hurworth Hunt, 12,038. Individual members: 1, C Wynn-Green (Flint and Denbigh), 4,168; 2, M Tweddle (Hurworth), 4,098; 3, C Hickerton (Flint and Denbigh), 4,080. Individual associates: 1 (and best overall) K Allenby (Spooners and West Dartmoor), 4,356; 2, J Allen (Old Berkshire), 4,288; 3, E Kipling (Zetland), 4,224.

MOTORCYCLING

BRNO, Czech Republic: Czech grand prix: 500cc: 1, W Rainey (US), Yamaha, 45min 39.002sec; 2, L Cadalora (It), Yamaha, 45:46.772; 3, M Doohan (Aus), Honda, 45.49.792; 4, J Kocinski (US), Cagiva, 45:52.098; 5, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 46:06.092; 6, D Beattie (Aus), Honda, 46:06.278. Leading world championship positions (after 11 races): 1, Rainey, 214pts; 2, Schwantz, 203; 3, Doohan, 136; 4, Beattie, 136; 5, Cadalora, 104; 6, S Itoh (Japan), Honda, 101; 8, N Mackenzie (GB), Yamaha, 80.

250cc: 1, L Reggiani (It), Aprilia, 42:28.194; 2, M Biaggi (It), Honda, 42:29.173; 3, A Puig (Sp), Honda, 42:29.522; 4, D Romboni (It), Honda, 42:29.580; 5, L Capirossi (It), Honda, 42:37.968; 6, T Harada (Japan), Yamaha, 42:38.336. Leading world championship positions (after 11 rounds): 1, Harada, 161pts; 2, Capirossi, 137; 3, Biaggi, 126; 4, Romboni, 109; 5, Reggiani, 106; 6, H Bradl (Ger), Honda, 105.

125cc: 1, K Sakata (Japan), Honda, 42:31.678; 2, D Raudies (Ger), Honda, 42:31.720; 3, T Tsujimura (Japan), Honda, 42:49.927; 4, N Ueda (Japan), Honda, 42:49.984; 5, A Saito (Japan), Honda, 43:02.832; 6, C Giro (Sp), Aprilia, 43:04.575. Leading world championship positions (after 11 races): 1, Raudies, 222pts; 2, Sakata, 210; 3, Tsujimura, 134; 4, R Waldmann (Ger), Aprilia, 108; 5, Saito, 107; 6, Ueda, 105.

PASIR GUDANG, Malaysia: World superbike championship: First race: 1, C Fogarty (GB), Ducati, 38:14.21; 2, S Russell (US), Kawasaki, 38:17.67; 3, F Pirovano (It), Yamaha, 38.26.36; 4, A Slight (NZ), Kawasaki, 38:26.45; 5, S Mertens (Bel), Ducati, 38.42.73; 6, P Bontempi (It), Kawasaki, 38:43.00. Second race: 1, Fogarty, 37:56.60; 2, Russell, 37:58.29; 3, Pirovano, 38:31.57; 4, Bontempi, 38:32.38; 5, Mertens, 38:32.62; 6, Slight, 38:35.32; 8, T Rymer (GB), Yamaha, 38.52.72. Leading championship positions: 1, Russell, 231.5pts; 2, Fogarty, 226.5; 3, Falappa, 178; 4, Slight, 173; 5, Pirovano, 169; 6, Mertens, 122.

TAEKWONDO

NEW YORK: World championships: Finals: Men: Middleweight: M Meloul (Fr) bt V Estrada (Mex). Light: Se Jin Park (S Kor) bt V Luke (Can). Fly: J Argudo (Sp) bt A Yamaguti (Br).

BOXING

MONACO: WBA junior-middleweight championship: Júlio César Vásquez (Arg, holder) bt Aaron Davis (US), pts.

BANGKOK: WBA minimum-weight championship: Chana Por Pao-in (Thai, holder) bt Ronnie Magramo (Phil), pts.

TENNIS

TORONTO: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: S Graf (Ger) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 6-2, 7-5; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt A Huber (Ger), 5-7, 6-2, 6-1; M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) bt M-J Fernandez (US), 6-4, 6-4; J Capriati (US) wo J Halard (Fr), scr. Semi-finals: Graf bt Maleeva-Fragnière, 6-2, 6-1; Capriati bt Sánchez Vicario, 7-6, 6-2.

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: P Korda (Cz) bt S Pescosolido (It), 6-3, 6-3; B Black (Zim) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 6-3, 6-3; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt J Svensson (Swe), 7-6, 1-6, 6-4; A Agassi (US) bt I Lendl (US), 6-3, 6-4. Semi-finals: Korda bt Black, 6-3, 6-1; Medvedev bt Agassi, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4.

INDIANAPOLIS: Men's tournament: Third round: R Reneberg (US) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3. Quarter-finals: P Rafter (Aus) bt P Sampras (US), 7-6, 6-7, 7-6; L Mattar (Br) bt J Arias (US), 6-2, 6-2; J Courier (US) bt C Pioline (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; B Becker (Ger) bt Reneberg, 6-4, 6-3. Semi-finals: Becker bt Rafter, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Courier bt Mattar, 6-3, 6-2.

NOTTINGHAM: Midland Bank national junior championships: Finals: Boys: 18 and under: J Fox (Lincs) bt T Spinks (Norfolk), 6-1, 6-4, 6-2. 14 and under: J Trotman (Suffolk) bt J Monk (Sussex), 6-2, 7-6. Girls: 18 and under: C Taylor (Oxon) bt L Jeffs (Oxon), 6-3, 6-7, 6-1. 14 and under: F Lishman (Northumberland) bt A Tordoff (Kent), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

HAVANT: Reebok British Tour: Finals: Men: D Sapsford (Surrey) bt P Hand (Berks), 6-2, 6-2. Women: V Humphreys-Davies (Cambs) bt D Huber (US), 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

POWERBOATING

HUNGARY: World inland circuit championship (seventh round): Dunaújváros grand prix: 1, G Cappellini (It), 20pts; 2, A Andersson (Swe), 17; 3, G Karlof (Swe), 15; 4, P Duggan (GB), 13; 5, G Csepreg (Hun), 11; 6, A Elliott (GB), 10. Overall: 1, Cappellini, 116; 2, M Werner (Ger), 73.5; 3, J Jones (GB), 49; 4, T Ishikawa (Japan), 41.5; 5, Karlof, 41; 6, S Kerton (GB), 39.5. Cappellini wins championship.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying match: Group six: Sweden 1, France 1 (in Gavle).

WORLD UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIP (in Japan): Group A: Mexico 2, Italy 1; Japan 0, Ghana 1. Group B: Nigeria 8, Canada 0; Australia 2, Argentina 2. Group C: United States 2, Czechoslovakia 2; Qatar 2, Colombia 0. Group D: Poland 3, Tunisia 1; Chile 2, China 2.

TOUR MATCH: University of Chile 2, Real Madrid 2 (in Santiago).

OTHER MATCH: Metz (Fr) 2, Zambia 1.

HOCKEY

POZNAN, Poland: Men: Inter-Continental Cup: Group A: Spain 2, Ireland 0; S Korea 2, Cuba 1; Spain 3, Canada 2. Group B: Poland 2, Belgium 2; India 3, S Africa 1; Poland 2, France 1; Argentina 1, Belgium 1.

BIRMINGHAM: Women's tour match: Sutton Coldfield 0, Trinidad and Tobago Under-21 0.

AMSTERDAM: Women's Champions' Trophy: Australia 2, Britain 0; Holland 3, Spain 0.

MOTORSPORT

BRANDS HATCH: Auto Trader British touring car championship: Thirteenth round (36 laps, 43 mls): 1, P Radisich (NZ), Ford Mondeo Si, 29min 25.80sec (88.33mph); 2, S Soper (GB), BMW 318i, 29.26.51; 3, R Gravett (GB), Peugeot 405 Mi16, 29.26.84; 4, W Hoy (GB), Toyota Carina E GTi, 29:27.08; 5, K Odor (GB), Nissan Primera eGT, 29:27.71; 6, A Rouse (GB), Ford Mondeo Si, 29:28.39.

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Aston Villa v Manchester Utd (8.0) ...

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BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Atherstone. Hednesford v Corby Town.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton v Chippenham

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Stoke v Bradford (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION LEAGUE: First division: Chelsea v Norwich (7.0); Millwall v Southampton (2.0)

CRICKET

Sixth Test

Final day of five

11.0

THE OVAL: England v Australia

Britannic Assurance county championship

Final day of four

11.0

DARLINGTON: Durham v Warwickshire

SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Hampshire

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Essex

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Kent

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two). Neston: Cheshire v Wiltshire. Sidmouth: Devon v Cornwall. Oswestry: Shropshire v Wales.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EBF national championships (Skegness)

SPEEDWAY: First division: Reading v Bradford (7.30), Wolverhampton v King's Lynn (7.30), Exeter v Newcastle (7.30).

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Cecil takes heart from preliminary virus tests

By Julian Muscat

HENRY Cecil's strike rate this season has been such that only Roger Charlton, with nearly a third of the number of runners, has managed to better it. Consequently, the slightest stutter from Cecil's all-conquering Warren Place stable is viewed by the betting public as a matter of grave concern, particularly as Cecil has returned a healthy level-stake profit in spite of his reversals at York last week.

However, a handful of blood tests taken from among Cecil's York raiders have been returned free of any viral infection, although the Newmarket trainer will await the results of a comprehensive testing programme before signalling the all-clear.

Cecil does not believe his string has contracted the dreaded Equine Herpes Virus. Early signs from the laboratory have endorsed his view, but he is still none the wiser for Rainbow Lake's below-par run in the Yorkshire Oaks.

"There is still no explanation for that *performance,*" Cecil said yesterday. "Perhaps it's just one of those things. Basically, my horses have been running well enough. I had four winners last week; I don't usually have that many winners in August anyway."

Cecil, as hungry as ever, has one eye on the trainers' title, in which he is locked in a combat with Michael Stoute and the reigning champion, Richard Hannon. Each of them has passed £1 million in win and place prize-money, although Cecil has by far the best strike rate, at 26 per cent.

In the last two weeks, Warren Place runners have made the frame almost as often as they have run unplaced, which is hardly the measure of a virus-riddled stable. "I'm carrying on as normal," he said. "There are no signs of illness in the yard, but let's wait and get a full, clearer picture."

An analysis of York's important tests revealed solid efforts from Sabrehill, Allegan and Ardkinglass, while Edbaysaan showed an abundance of fighting spirit to land the Melrose Handicap. Cecil is inclined to put Armiger's disappointing Great Voltigeur effort down to his long absence and the fact that he got too excited before the race. Armiger remains on course for the St Leger.

One horse who won't be adding to Cecil's 74 winners to date is Sabrehill, whose brief racing career is over after he ran second to Ezzoud in Tuesday's Juddmonte International Stakes.

Nothing could better illustrate racing's constantly changing fortunes than the York experiences of Sabrehill *and Lochsong. Sabrehill, who* just failed to win a group one race on only his third outing, sustained a crippling tendon injury for his effort. Meanwhile, Lochsong, a former cripple, deservedly landed a group one event on her seventieth racecourse appearance.

"It is very sad," Cecil lamented. "He looked a brilliant horse in the making." Reflecting on his bold York showing, he continued: "Everything went wrong for him. He didn't settle very well and when he quickened to the front, he had done a bit too much in the first half of the race. He was a brilliant horse at home and I fully expected him to win on Tuesday."



ED BYRNE

Jazilah and Richard Quinn stretching clear of Karshi at Sandown on Saturday to give the Akehurst team another handicap success

Winning Ebor owner has second dividend

GLASGOW owner Stewart Aitken, who collected £250,000 from bookmakers when Sarawat won the Ebor last Wednesday, had another success at Sandown on *Saturday.*

Aitken, a retired casino owner, invested £4,000 of the winnings on his Jazilah in the William Hill Handicap. He drew a £20,000 profit as Jazilah galloped to victory over Karshi. Like Sarawat at York, Jazilah was ridden by Richard Quinn and was having his first run for Epsom trainer Reg Akehurst, having been moved from Mary Reveley's northern stable.

The gambling owner, however, ended the day a loser. Sarawat turned out for duty again, carrying Aitken's bets of £28,000 in the Texas Homecare Handicap.

Sent off the evens favourite, he forced the pace for much of the way but faded to finish third behind Wings Cove. "I'm not complaining, it's been a good week," Aitken said.

George Duffield was fortu*nate to escape unscathed* when the leader Silver Wedge attempted to duck out before dislodging him on the bend in the Unifilla Stakes, won by Blaze Away. With Duffield jettisoned, Silver Wedge made a hash of jumping the running rails, before galloping home with a minor cut to his chest.

Duffield, declared fit by the course doctor, reported: "The colt gave me no warning of his idea to duck out. He was heading for the far rails, and looked like taking me with him until he slipped and got rid of me."

John Williams netted a 220-1 double with Sheriff and Wings Cove.

Coup De Genie stakes claim

From Our French Racing Correspondent in Deauville

COUP De Genie, a sister of Machiavellian, entered calculations for the 1994 1,000 Guineas with an impressive victory in the Prix Morny at Deauville yesterday.

The filly, owned by Stavros Niarchos and trained by Francois Boutin, was installed 14-1 third favourite for the classic by William Hill after beating Psychobabble 1½ lengths.

Roger Charlton's Solar Wagon set out to make all under Pat Eddery but he was passed two furlongs out and faded into sixth. Psychobabble, also owned by Niarchos, finished well, having been short of room, to snatch second place from Spain Lane.

Richard Hannon's Lemon Souffle heads the 1,000 betting on 7-1, with Geoff Wragg's Glatisant, set to run in the the Prestige Stakes at Goodwood on Friday, a 12-1 chance.

Psychobabble, 25-1 for the 2,000 Guineas, is expected to take on Peter Chapple-Hyam's Colonel Collins in the Irish National Stakes next month.

Frankie Dettori, who *partnered Lochsong to a mem*orable victory in the Nunthorpe Stakes at York on Thursday, followed up by landing a big-race double at Deauville on Saturday. He captured the Challenge d'Or Piaget for two-year-olds and Piaget d'Or, each worth £179,211 to the winner, on English challengers, Prince Babar and Dana Springs.

Prince Babar, trained by Gavin Pritchard-Gordon, made his group form count to run out a comfortable three-quarters of a length winner. Richard Hannon's Bearall finished sixth, but Paul Cole's The Chairman was out of the first ten.

Dettori made all on the rapidly-improving Dana Springs, trained by Hannon, who beat the French filly Dancienne by a length and a half. "She is very game and had a group one winner *behind her so she must be* improving," Dettori added.

Dana Springs, originally bought at Deauville for Tony Budge, could now earn a tilt at the Prix Vermeille, often a stepping stone to the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

"She is a game and genuine filly and just goes on winning. Dana Springs is really a mile-and-a-half horse and that's why I told Frankie to go to the front from the start," Hannon said.

Hannon and Dettori were out of luck in the Prix Gontaut-Biron with Lucky Lindy who finished third, a length behind Urban Sea. Paul Cole's Half A Tick was sixth of the seven runners.

Becker glad to see back of Rafter

BORIS Becker was tested by a player ranked 139th before reaching the finals of the RCA tennis championships in Indianapolis on Saturday.

Becker, seeded third, was made to struggle by Patrick Rafter, of Australia, before winning 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. In the other semifinal Jim Courier, the second seed, played impeccably to defeat Luiz Mattar, of Brazil, 6-3, 6-2. Courier's victories com*bined with Rafter's elimi*nation of Pete Sampras will put Courier at the top of the world rankings. The fourth-ranked Becker will be looking for his *third* title of 1993. He won in Indianapolis in 1988 and 1990.

Becker has dominated Courier in their six previous meetings but Courier, a finalist in Indianapolis last year, had high hopes of turning the tables yesterday.

Courier, who did not drop a set on his way to the final, has won four titles this year, including the Australian Open. Consis*tent serving made him* practically untouchable. In nine service games he lost only five points.

Courier lost two points on service in the first set and lost three points in the second, setting-up the only break-point he faced in the match at 30-40 in the sixth game.

Becker lost only six points on service in the first set. Rafter squandered a 40-15 lead in the tenth game of the first set. He eventually lost the game and the set when Becker blasted a winning backhand crosscourt shot that Rafter could not touch.

In his first three service games of the second set, Becker lost two points. But he lost momentum on his service in the seventh and ninth game. He double-faulted on the final point of the set.

A momentary let-down in the third set put Rafter out of contention. Becker took advantage of his third break point in the first game and held the lead.

"I think it was my best match this tournament," Becker said. "We both didn't miss many balls. I was very, very sharp at the beginning of the match and I basically stayed sharp throughout the whole match."

Jennifer Capriati, of the United States, seeded sixth, endured a 76-minute first set with an 18-point tie-break to defeat Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the second seed, from Spain, 7-6, 6-2 in the semi-finals of the Canadian Open in Toronto on Saturday.

Steffi Graf, at the top of her game, stretched her record to 17-0 against the eighth-seeded Manuela Maleeva-Fragnière, of Switzerland, with a 6-2, 6-1 victory in the other semifinal.

Capriati, ranked ninth, recovered from 5-0 down in the tie-break, saving three set points to level at 6-6. She finally won the set with a forehand winner.

Capriati dominated the second set with a powerful baseline attack that took its toll on Sánchez Vicario, who may have been a little tired. She was playing her fourteenth tournament singles match in 19 days.

Capriati has looked uninspired at times this year, despite reaching the quarter-finals of Wimbledon and the Australian and French Opens (losing to Graf each time), but on Saturday she appeared eager and motivated.

Asked if it had been a while since she had been as proud of herself for an on-court performance, she replied: "Yes, I guess it has. I'd guess I'd have to go back to Barcelona (where she won the gold medal with wins over Sánchez Vicario and Graf in the semi-finals and final)."

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.15 Not Yet · 2.45 DARBONNE (nap) · 3.15 Sedimentary · 3.45 Alqairawaan · 4.15 Mamara Reef · 4.45 Avishayes

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 AJFAN (nap). 3.15 Sommersby. 4.45 Premier Star.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 Mamara Reef.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT PATCHES) DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 ENCOURAGE THE YOUNG SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,889: 1m 1f 213yd) (23 runners)

1	(21)	004620	WRETS 16 (F) (Midland Markets Ltd) A Bridgwater 4-10-0	R Painter (7)	90
2	(9)	204020	ROLY WALLACE 30 (B,F) (K Ivory) K Ivory 4-9-6	G Bardwell	89
3	(6)	5-55158	BILLYBACK 13 (D,F) (M Ryan) M Ryan 3-9-0	D Biggs	91
4	(16)	0-55551	GALEJADE 13 (F) (Mrs J Mihalop) D Haydn Jones 3-8-13	J Williams	90
5	(2)	60-1230	YOUNG JASON 10 (F,G,S) (Mrs G Lee) F Lee 10-8-12	S Perks	92
6	(13)	064-000	PIMSBOY 52 (F) (Coflax Windows Ltd) B Rothwell 6-8-12	S Wood	77
7	(12)	5-02305	TIGER CLAW 11J (B,F) (Unity Farm Ltd) R Hodges 7-8-11	A McGlone	91
8	(18)	0500-40	MARZOCCO 95 (F) (J Ffitch-Heyes) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-8-10	T Williams	86
9	(23)	00-0510	JUNCTION TWENTYTWO 39 (F) (C Major) C Broad 3-8-10	NON-RUNNER	
10	(20)	240000	MEXICAN DANCER 13 (B,S) (Hammond Partnership) P Howling 4-8-10	K Darley	97
11	(4)	505260-	KATHY FAIR 23J (A Newcombe) C Hill 4-8-9	B Russell (5)	75
12	(19)	30600/0-	THRILL 485J (J Aston Evans) K Wingrove 5-8-8	K Williamson	–
13	(5)	0-02600	GOTT'S DESIRE 45 (B,F) (Gott Foods Ltd) C Broad 7-8-7	M Wigham	86
14	(22)	650414	SLUMBER THYME 7 (B,G) (J Searle) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-5	W Ryan	87
15	(14)	0210-06	PIPERS REEL 20 (V,G) (Sir Gordon Brunton) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-5	A Munro	88
16	(17)	441100	BRONZE RUNNER 14 (B,CD,F,G) (Austin Stroud Ltd) S Mellor 9-8-3	T Sprake	88
17	(11)	525-306	DANCING BOAT 93J (D Emery) J Harris 4-8-3	D Holland	98
18	(10)	00/0000-	CANNONALE 450 (R Langley) J Pearce 4-8-1	P Robinson	–
19	(7)	005-000	EVERY ONE A GEM 23 (B,D,F) (J Daniels) M Dixon 6-8-1	A Clark	88
20	(3)	5060	DANSEUSE FRANCAISE 19 (S Crown) M Bell 3-8-0	M Fenton (3)	82
21	(8)	000060	RED SOMBRERO 10 (J Hall) R Brotherton 4-7-13	A Mackay	94
22	(1)	000-003	GESNERA 61 (A Hall) K White 5-7-12	N Adams	90
23	(15)	043230	NOT YET 13 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Weymes) E Weymes 9-7-11	J Quinn	

BETTING: 5-1 Not Yet, 6-1 Bronze Runner, 7-1 Marzocco, 8-1 Young Jason, 9-1 Galejade, 10-1 Tiger Claw, Billyback, 12-1 Pipers Reel, Roly Wallace, 16-1 others.

1992: BO KNOWS BEST 3-8-3 B Rouse (9-4 fav) J Sutcliffe 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

BILLYBACK 4l 5th of 8 to Daring Past in a handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f 21yd, good) on penultimate start. GALEJADE beat Heart Of Spain a head in a 6-runner claimer at Bath (1m 3f 144yd, good to firm) YOUNG JASON 2¾l 3rd of 9 to Le Temeraire in a conditions race at Redcar (1m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start with ROLY WALLACE (8lb worse off) about 7l 7th. TIGER CLAW turned in best recent effort when 4l 3rd of 10 to multiple winner Bentico in a handicap at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm). SLUMBER THYME beat Manx Monarch 1½l in an 18-runner handicap at Thirsk (1m, good) on penultimate start. NOT YET 3½l 3rd of 8 to Totalworthit in a handicap at Southwell (1m 3f, good to firm) on penultimate start with RED SOMBRERO (1lb worse off) about 3l 6th.
Selection: NOT YET

2.45 W J FURSE CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,318: 1m 54yd) (6 runners)

1	(3)	316	EL DUCO 12 (D,BF,F) (R Abdullah) R Charlton 9-0	Pat Eddery	85
2	(6)	1320-00	GREEN'S BID 12 (G) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	85
3	(2)	122045	PLANETARY ASPECT 12 (D,G) (M Abdullah) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	J Reid	89
4	(5)	46-5403	DARBONNE 12 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) G Harwood 8-11	K Darley	85
5	(1)	511-	CROPTON 321 (G,S) (Mrs J Cecil) Mrs J Cecil 8-7	Paul Eddery	70
6	(4)	32-2304	AJFAN 25 (BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-5	R Hills	

BETTING: 5-2 El Duco, 3-1 Ajfan, 7-2 Darbonne, 6-1 Planetary Aspect, 8-1 Cropton, 20-1 Green's Bid.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

EL DUCO beat Green Kilt 3½l in an 8-runner maiden at Brighton (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. DARBONNE about 2¾l 3rd of 8 to Muhtarram in a conditions race at Sandown (1m 14yd, good to firm) with PLANETARY ASPECT 1½l 5th. EL DUCO short head 6th and GREEN'S BID 27l 8th. CROPTON beat Formal Affair 3l in an 8-runner conditions race at Warwick (7f, soft) last year. AJFAN 5¾l 4th of 8 to Prince Of Andros in a conditions race at Salisbury (1m 2f, good, firm). Earlier ¾l 3rd of 12 to Sayyedati in the group 1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good).
Selection: AJFAN

3.15 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES
(Qualifier: 2-Y-O: £3,845: 6f 15yd) (20 runners)

1	(7)	05	VLAMINCK 13 (R Collins) A Stewart 8-13	A McGlone	77
2	(15)	0	UNCLE DOUG 33 (D Saul) Mrs M Reveley 8-12	J Fanning	–
3	(16)	6	LIME STREET BLUES 12 (D Gallop) R Hannon 8-11	Pat Eddery	80
4	(8)	4	PETITJEAN 51 (Mrs L Gardiner) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	–
5	(19)	050	VICEROY RULER 28 (R Joachim) J Jenkins 8-11	S Whitworth	76
6	(5)	6	SOMMERSBY 53 (BF) (F Nastasi) A Stewart 8-10	R Hills	77
7	(2)	322	RAFFERTY'S RULES 14 (O Soberg-Olsen) Mrs J Ramsden 8-9	K Fallon	96
8	(6)		CADEAUX PREMIERE (Lumsden & Carroll Ltd) N Bycroft 8-8	Alex Greaves	–
9	(11)	P	WILL GLOW 55 (W Norton) T Mills 8-8	J Reid	–
10	(14)		LA RESIDENCE (B Pollins) Mrs N Macauley 8-7	N Adams	–
11	(4)	600	MISTER O'GRADY 5 (B Pennock) Pat Mitchell 8-7	R Cochrane	–
12	(17)	5	VENUS VICTORIOUS 13 (Mrs R Hastings) J Hills 8-7	M Hills	92
13	(18)	4	A MILLION WATTS 30 (Million In Mind Partnership) J Wells 8-6	G Duffield	77
14	(10)	0	GALAXY RAIN 30 (M Chea) B McMahon 8-6	S Sanders (7)	–
15	(13)		KID ORY (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 8-6	Dale Gibson	–
16	(1)	0	RED DANCER 33 (Lawster Partnership) M Bell 8-6	M Fenton (3)	85
17	(9)	52	SEDIMENTARY 18 (W Mason) G Bravery 8-6	L Dettori	
18	(3)		KENILWORTH FORD (G Farndon) Capt J Wilson 8-1	N Carlisle	–
19	(20)		VAX IT (Vax Appliances Ltd) J Spearing 8-1	G Hind	–
20	(12)	4	YO-CANDO 16 (Miss L Elliott) D Cosgrove 8-1	L Newton (5)	93

BETTING: 11-4 Rafferty's Rules, 4-1 Sommersby, 5-1 Sedimentary, 7-1 Yo-Cando, 8-1 Lime Street Blues, 12-1 Venus Victorious, 14-1 Petitjean, Red Dancer, 16-1 others.

1992: WEAVER BIRD 8-0 S Dawson (7-2) H Candy 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

LIME STREET BLUES 11¼l 6th of 10 to Majestic Eagle in Salisbury maiden (6f, good to firm). SOMMERSBY 6l 6th of 9 to Absolutely Fayre in maiden auction over course and distance (good to firm). RAFFERTY'S RULES 2½l 2nd of 9 to Indiana in Thirsk maiden auction (5f, good). VENUS VICTORIOUS 3l 5th of 12 to Ekbal in Bath maiden (5f 11yd, good to firm). RED DANCER 8l 7th of 12 to Hever Golf Rose in Doncaster maiden auction (7f, good). SEDIMENTARY 1l 2nd of 5 to Al Battar in Brighton maiden auction (6f, good to firm).
Selection: RAFFERTY'S RULES

3.45 HARCROS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP
(Handicap: £3,640: 1m 6f 15yds) (18 runners)

1	(12)	023352	SWORD MASTER 13 (G) (J Vogt) Bob Jones 4-9-10	M Day	95
2	(14)	610115	TAROUDANT 35 (D,F,G) (G Farndon) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-10	K Darley	92
3	(6)	01311-0	IOTA 133 (D,BF,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-8	B Raymond	81
4	(16)	202100-	SADLER'S WAY 367 (CD,S) (Mrs E Stoell) M Barraclough 4-9-6	Ann Stokell	78
5	(3)	040560	FRENCH IVY 3 (F,G) (K Flood) Mrs F King 6-9-4	A Garth (5)	94
6	(2)	642013	CALL THE GUV'NOR 12 (F) (W Ponsonby) H Cecil 4-9-3	W Ryan	97
7	(9)	34/2133-	BRODESSA 326J (F) (R Jewell) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-1	M Birch	74
8	(1)	2224-30	SOLOMAN SPRINGS 31 (Mrs Y Ward) S Horton 3-8-9	O Pears (3)	76
9	(7)	000352	ALQAIRAWAAN 12 (BF) (Mrs J Sutcliffe) J Sutcliffe 4-8-7	B Rouse	95
10	(17)	602452	WESTFIELD MOVES 10 (F,G) (A Walkley) H Collingridge 5-8-5	C Hawksley (7)	96
11	(11)	056130	ELA BILLANTE 12 (D,F) (Mrs J McAlister) J Fanshawe 3-8-5	P Robinson	94
12	(18)	212012	HIGH SUMMER 11 (D,BF,F,G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-5	L Dettori	96
13	(8)	002205	KADASTROF 10 (S) (A Patton) R Dickin 3-8-5	T Quinn	
14	(10)	4-31220	KARAMOJA 139 (G,S) (P Jacobs) N Graham 4-8-2	A Munro	88
15	(4)	431220	SALU 9 (BF,F,G,S) (W Lunley) J Etherington 4-8-0	G Duffield	98
16	(5)	31242-5	SAMAIN 18 (F) (Countryside Classics Ltd) J Glover 6-7-12	N Carlisle	79
17	(15)	300120	WHITE RIVER 11 (D,F) (C Thomas) D Haydn Jones 7-7-7	A Mackay	89
18	(13)	00-4603	VICTOR ROMEO 19 (V,C,F) (Mrs P Spicer) R Spicer 4-7-7	D Wright (5)	–

Long handicap: White River 7-3, Victor Romeo 5-2.

BETTING: 5-1 Alqairawaan, 6-1 Call The Guv'nor, Taroudant, 7-1 Karamoja, 8-1 Iota, 10-1 Sword Master, 12-1 Salu, 14-1 High Summer, Brodessa, 16-1 others.

1992: VAIN PRINCE 5-8-7 L Charnock (11-2) N Tinkler 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

SWORD MASTER ¾l 2nd of 8 to Spectacular Dawn in a handicap at Bath (2m 1f 34yd, good to firm) with FRENCH IVY (5lb better off) 8l 6th. TAROUDANT 5¾l 5th of 7 to Brandon Prince in a handicap at Ayr (1m 7f, good). ALQAIRAWAAN 2l 2nd of 9 to Son Of Sping in fair handicap at Sandown Park (1m 6f, good to firm) with CALL THE GUV'NOR (1lb better off) a neck 3rd. WESTFIELD MOVES 1½l 2nd of 11 to Green's Cassatt in a handicap at Haydock (1m 3f 200yd, soft) with KADASTROF (4lb better off) 7l 5th. HIGH SUMMER 4l 2nd of 15 to Summer Wind in a handicap at Salisbury (1m 6f, good) with WHITE RIVER (1lb better off) 13l 8th. SALU ½l 2nd of 5 to Persian Soldier in a handicap at Thirsk (1m 4f, firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: CALL THE GUV'NOR

4.15 CHILDREN ADMITTED FREE LIMITED STAKES
(£2,892: 1m 6f 15yd) (8 runners)

1	(4)	400	ASLAN 12 (J Dick) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-9-10	K Fallon	85
2	(8)	541301	BIG PAT 6 (F,G) (Burton Park Country Club) J Pearce 4-9-10	J Tate (5)	87
3	(3)	455000	MADAGANS GREY 23 (F,G,S) (Bond Gover Roof) R Boss 5-9-10	Pat Eddery	80
4	(7)	254310	ROUSITTO 10 (F,S) (J Paterson) R Hollinshead 5-9-10	W Ryan	78
5	(5)	0-00	MONAZITE 56 (T Warner) M Jarvis 3-8-12	P Robinson	60
6	(6)	020322	ARAADH 14 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-7	R Hills	90
7	(2)	0004	HOPEFUL PROSPECT 54 (A Lavell) A Hide 3-8-7	J Williams	75
8	(1)	400	MAMARA REEF 25 (Lord Halifax) L Cumani 3-8-7	R Cochrane	

BETTING: 5-2 Araadh, 3-1 Mamara Reef, 4-1 Big Pat, 7-1 Aslan, 8-1 Madagans Grey, 10-1 Rousitto, 16-1 Hopeful Prospect, Monazite.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BIG PAT beat Thameda a neck in a 7-runner handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to firm). ROUSITTO beat Jubran ½l in a 9-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 3f, good to soft) on penultimate start. ARAADH short head 2nd of 6 to Pistols At Dawn in conditions race at Leicester (1m 4f, good to firm). MAMARA REEF 16l 7th of 18 to Sabrehill in a maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: ARAADH (nap)

4.45 PLAYGROUND HANDICAP (£3,572: 1m 54yd) (20 runners)

1	(12)	0/3-4001	EXCLUSION 17 (D,S) (T Frost) H Candy 4-10-0	W Newnes	92
2	(17)	020140	MUSTAHIL 35 (D,F,G) (Unity Farm Ltd) R Hodges 4-9-9	A Munro	91
3	(15)	32260-0	ETERNAL FLAME 9 (D,F,G) (C Rowlands) J Hetherton 5-9-9	B Russell (5)	86
4	(18)	441501	LEAVE IT TO LIB 24 (D,F) (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 6-9-8	J Tate (5)	91
5	(10)	404306-	ELEGANT FRIEND 124J (F) (M Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 5-9-6	P Robinson	81
6	(7)	16/00-16	AVISHAYES 20 (D,BF,F) (P Davidson-Brown) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-1	K Darley	92
7	(14)	00-5200	WILD PROSPECT 82 (F,G) (G Dyson) C Tinkler 5-9-0	M Birch	90
8	(2)	031066	QUANTITY SURVEYOR 10 (V,CD,G,S) (Lady Fairhaven) M Prescott 4-9-0	G Duffield	95
9	(13)	0-6004	GREEN CHILI 20 (Major B Singh) J Hills 3-8-12	M Hills	91
10	(8)	040-	MADAM CAPRICE 299 (S Lury) R Guest 3-8-11	D Harrison (3)	81
11	(19)	526540	SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 14 (D,F,G) (J Hardman) F Lee 6-8-9	N Kennedy (3)	95
12	(16)	664652	PREMIER STAR 10 (B) (R Green) M Bell 3-8-9	L Dettori	93
13	(4)	54000-3	AVIATOR'S DREAM 10 (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 3-8-9	K Fallon	79
14	(3)	2-60000	HAWAII STORM 9 (D,G,S) (A Sofroniou) Miss A Whitfield 5-8-7	R Painter (7)	82
15	(11)	60-0644	MBULWA 11 (D,F,G,S) (Northumbria Leisure Ltd) S Kettlewell 7-8-7	Pat Eddery	93
16	(1)	00202-4	NOEL 13 (Mrs M O'Shea) J O'Shea 4-8-6	D Wright (5)	84
17	(6)	00000/1	MISS CRUSTY 13 (D,F) (M Ash) D O'Neill 5-8-0	N Adams	92
18	(20)	0-06003	SABO'S EXPRESS 9 (G) (M Young) R Williams 3-7-12	D Biggs	94
19	(5)	03401	COLFAX CLASSIC 9 (G) (Colfax Windows Ltd) B Rothwell 3-7-9	S Wood	85
20	(9)	205006	LEGAL RISK 13 (V) (Jack Brown Ltd) D Haydn Jones 3-7-8	A Mackay	

BETTING: 5-1 Avishayes, 6-1 Mbulwa, 7-1 Miss Crusty, 8-1 Premier Star, 10-1 Colfax Classic, Sabo's Express, 10-1 Avishayes, 12-1 Leave It To Lib, Quantity Surveyor, 14-1 others.

1992: HOULSTON'S WILL 3-9-0 G Baxter (12-1) Mrs J Ramsden 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

EXCLUSION beat Mas Pen Rai ½l in 6-runner handicap at Haydock (1m, soft). LEAVE IT TO LIB beat Lawnswood Junior 1l in 6-runner handicap at Edinburgh (1m, good to firm). AVISHAYES beat Pride Of Pendle 1l in 10-runner handicap at Newcastle (1m, good to firm) with MBULWA (10lb better off) about 5¾l 6th. PREMIER STAR short head 2nd of 13 to Norman Warrior in a handicap at Haydock (1m, soft) with QUANTITY SURVEYOR (6lb better off) 7l 6th. MISS CRUSTY beat Casting Shadows 1½l in a maiden handicap at Bath (1m, good to firm). SABO'S EXPRESS 4l 3rd of 13 to Infantry Glen in a selling handicap at Ripon (1m 2f, good).
Selection: MISS CRUSTY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	28	66	42.4	D Harrison	7	23	30.4
R Charlton	8	20	40.0	Pat Eddery	35	139	25.2
G Harwood	6	17	35.3	P Robinson	6	28	21.4
L Cumani	7	25	28.0	L Dettori	23	122	18.9
A Hide	5	23	21.7	T Sprake	5	31	16.1
P Cole	15	76	19.7	R Cochrane	14	98	14.3

Toller makes mark in Ireland

LORD Of The Field gave James Toller, the Newmarket trainer, a winner with his first runner in Ireland when taking the Meld Stakes at the Curragh on Saturday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). The six-year-old, who has suffered a fractured tibia, lung infection, leg trouble and bouts of coughing during his career, was making only his twelfth racecourse appearance.

HEXHAM

THUNDERER

2.00 Stingray City. 2.30 Wanza. 3.00 Killula Chief. 3.30 London Express. 4.00 Touching Star. 4.30 Azureus.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.00 METHVEN HOUSE NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,731: 3m) (8 runners)

1		DAUNTLESS KNIGHT 671F (B) P Hobbs 5-11-0	Peter Hobbs
2	623-	OVER THE STREAM 88 (D,BF,F) M Hammond 7-11-0	C Grant
3	/142	SILVERCROSS LAD 12 (F) R Juckes 10-11-0	N Juckes (7)
4	5-40	TROOPER THORN 9 S Pittendrigh 9-11-0	R Dunwoody
5	66P-	TRUE DILEMMA 115 A Fowler 6-11-0	R Marley
6	B-25	WAYWARD EDWARD 17 (B) Mrs S Lamyman 7-11-0	D Telfer
7		STINGRAY CITY 86F L Lungo 4-10-11	F Perratt (7)
8	4-24	TRUMPET 9 (BF) J O'Shea 4-10-11	M A Fitzgerald

11-8 Stingray City, 4-1 Trumpet, 7-1 Silvercross Lad, 8-1 Over The Stream, 10-1 Dauntless Knight, 12-1 True Dilemma, 16-1 others.

2.30 ENGLISH ESTATES JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,828: 2m) (11)

1		DUKE OF DREAMS 16F Mrs M Reveley 10-12	P Niven
2	5	MAGIC FAN 9F (B) Mrs A Swinbank 10-12	J Railton
3	2	NOMADIC FIRE 23 D Wintle 10-12	R Dunwoody
4		PRINCIPAL PLAYER 4F P Monteith 10-12	A Dobbin (3)
5	3	ROSCOMMON JOE 9 J J O'Neill 10-12	M Dwyer
6		WANZA 31F M Hammond 10-12	C Grant
7	0	CONTRAC COUNTESS 9 B Rothwell 10-7	R Supple
8	5	ON GOLDEN POND 23 G Moore 10-7	N Bentley (3)
9		SUMMER FLOWER 16F A Forbes 10-7	T Eley (5)
10	6	SUMMERS DREAM 9 B Richmond 10-7	D Byrne
11	0	WALSHAM WITCH 9 C Smith 10-7	M Ranger

5-2 Roscommon Joe, 7-2 Duke Of Dreams, Wanza, 8-1 Nomadic Fire, Principal Player, 10-1 On Golden Pond, 12-1 Summers Dream, 16-1 others.

3.00 ST GEORGE'S NOVICES CHASE
(£2,115: 2m 110yd) (6)

1	2-31	KILLULA CHIEF 11 (D,F,G) J O'Shea 6-12-0	M Dwyer
2	0-63	EBORNEEZER'S DREAM 9 (V) Mrs S Lamyman 10-11-7	D Telfer
3	28F-	KEEP SHARP 112 Mrs S Smith 7-11-7	L Wyer
4	R/5-	VIRGINIA'S BAY 150 (D,F) Graham Richards 7-11-7	A Orkney
5	000-	WEST WITH THE WIND 75F (D,F,G) M Dods 6-11-7	T Reed
6	444-	DIZZY DEALER 86 Mrs J Jordan 6-11-2	D Morris

5-4 Killula Chief, 7-4 Keep Sharp, 11-2 Dizzy Dealer, 7-1 West With The Wind, 12-1 Ebornezer's Dream, 16-1 Virginia's Bay

3.30 TEAM VALLEY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,675: 2m 4f 110yd) (11)

1	814-	SPANISH WHISPER 38F (C,G,S) J Bostock 6-11-11	W Marston (3)
2	00-1	STANE STREET 11 (F,G) R Phillips 5-11-10	J Railton
3	400-	WHATCOMESNATURALLY 10F M Hammond 4-11-4	C Grant
4	364-	JUBILATA 80 M Wane 5-11-3	C Dennis
5	00-5	STROKED AGAIN 11 (D,F) B Richmond 8-11-3	A Maguire
6	53-6	SHAYNA MAIDEL 16 J Birkett 4-11-2	G McCourt
7	2-34	RUN MILADY 9 Mrs S Austin 5-10-8	D Wilkinson
8	50-3	GREEN'S SEAGO 11 J Hanis 5-10-7	J A Harris
9	03/3	LONDON EXPRESS 12 P Hobbs 9-10-3	Peter Hobbs
10	0-0F	ALAMIR 11 (B) Mrs A Swinbank 5-10-1	R Dunwoody
11	0P4-	SWANK GILBERT 5F T Cuthbert 7-10-0	Carol Cuthbert (7)

5-2 Stane Street, 7-2 London Express, 11-2 Green's Seago, 7-1 Whatcomesnaturally, 8-1 Spanish Whisper, 10-1 Jubilata, 12-1 Run Milady 16-1 others.

4.00 ENGLISH ESTATES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,733: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1	111-	PALMRUSH 93 (CD,F,G) M Hammond 9-11-10	C Grant
2	0-4F	MIAMI BEAR 9 (D,G) Mrs S Smith 7-11-0	Gary Lyons
3	P20-	ABSAILOR 84 (F) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-9	P Williams (5)
4	2-33	TOUCHING STAR 12 (BF,F,G) P Hobbs 8-10-8	M Hourigan (3)
5	/UP-	MR PANACHE 86 (C,F) J Hubbuck 11-10-2	D Bentley (5)

6-4 Palmrush, 15-8 Touching Star, 100-30 Miami Bear, 7-1 Absailor, 14-1 Mr Panache.

4.30 CHARTERED SURVEYORS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,108: 2m) (9)

1	/61-	AZUREUS 4F (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-12	P Niven
2	F/5-	ARCTIC OATS 373 (D,BF,F,G) W Haigh 8-11-11	S Lyons (5)
3	0R1-	CASUAL PASS 84 (CD,F,G,S) L Lungo 10-11-6	T Reed
4	506-	CHIEF RAIDER 167 (C,G) J Wade 5-10-11	A Maguire
5	P46-	TALATON FLYER 348 (D,F) P Hobbs 7-10-7	Peter Hobbs
6	312-	WEE WIZARD 117 (D,S) M Barnes 4-10-2	A Dobbin (3)
7	614-	RED JAM JAR 388 (D,BF,F) C Bell 8-10-0	Mr S Bell (7)
8	205-	BALLYANTO 86 (F,S) C Parker 8-10-0	Mr D Parker (7)
9	0PP/	LOCHNDOM 819 A Le Blond 8-10-0	R Hodge

9-4 Azureus, 3-1 Red Jam Jar, 6-1 Talaton Flyer, 13-2 Wee Wizard, 7-1 Arctic Oats, Casual Pass, 12-1 Chief Raider, 33-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Monteith, 12 winners from 40 runners, 30.0%; L Lungo, 8 from 28, 28.6%; Mrs M Reveley, 16 from 64, 25.0%; G Moore, 21 from 87, 24.1%; M Hammond, 16 from 80, 20.0%; M Barnes, 6 from 39, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: N Bentley, 10 winners from 33 rides, 30.3%; M Dwyer, 15 from 53, 28.3%; G McCourt, 9 from 36, 25.0%; C Grant, 30 from 127, 23.6%; P Niven, 21 from 92, 22.8%; R Supple, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Nottingham: 4.45 Quantity Surveyor.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Sandown Park

Going: good to firm

2.05 (7f 16yd) 1, Sheriff (J Williams, 16-1); 2, Greenson (3-1 fav); 3, Princess Carmen (12-1); 4, Northern Bailwick (12-1). 16 ran. Nk, 2½l. J Hills. Tote: £22.50; £3.80, £1.40, £2.10, £2.80. DF: £35.80. Trio: £83.50. CSF: £57.77. Tricast: £545.35. 1min 32.86sec.

2.35 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, River Boyne (Miss A Harwood, 4-6 fav); 2, Gilderdale (9-2); 3, Credit Squeeze (8-1). 17 ran. 2½l, 2¾l. G Harwood. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £4.50. Trio: £6.10. CSF: £4.27. 2min 11.91sec.

3.10 (1m 14yd) 1, Blaze Away (S O'Gorman, 6-1); 2, Threatening (8-1); 3, Lear Dancer (7-1). Classic Sky 5-2 fav. 6 ran. 4l, 3½l. J Balding. Tote: £7.10; £2.80, £2.80. DF: £36.40. CSF: £41.59. 1min 43.92sec.

3.40 (5f 6yd) 1, Gorinsky (T Quinn, 9-2 fav); 2, Fango (14-1); 3, Metal Boys (10-1). 13 ran. Sh hd, nk. J Berry. Tote: £3.90; £2.00, £5.50, £2.80. DF: £36.10. Trio: £220.80. CSF: £67.08. Tricast: £565.69. 1min 1.26sec.

4.15 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Jazilah (T Quinn, 5-1); 2, Karshi (20-1); 3, Eden's Close (17-2). Knock Knock 4-1 fav. 14 ran. 3l, 2½l. R Akehurst. Tote: £5.40; £2.10, £6.20, £2.40. DF: £71.70. Trio: £136.00. CSF: £85.55. Tricast: £752.75. 2min 7.50sec.

4.45 (1m 6f) 1, Wings Cove (J Williams, 12-1); 2, Lake Poopo (17-2); 3, Sarawat (Evens fav). 10 ran. NR: Karamoja. 5l, 3l. Lady Herries. Tote: £21.60; £3.60, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £44.80. CSF: £96.88. Tricast: £174.83. 3min 1.66sec.

5.20 (1m 14yd) 1, Java Queen (S O'Gorman, 12-1); 2, La Spezia (14-1); 3, Badrah (11-1). Tap On Air 4-6 fav. 12 ran. NR: Amy Come Home. 3½l, 1½l. I Balding. Tote: £24.50; £5.80, £2.90, £2.30. DF: £130.80. CSF: £158.38. 1min 42.69sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £68,019.18 carried forward to Goodwood on Friday).

Placepot: £237.10.

Chester

2.00 1, Balandra Bay (100-30); 2, Selhurstpark Flyer (7-4 fav); 3, Ballah Shack (9-2). 5 ran.

2.30 1, Macfarlane (6-1); 2, Tuscan Dawn (5-1 fav); 3, Crystal Jack (6-1). 11 ran. NR: Local Heroine.

3.00 1, Hunters Of Brora (6-1); 2, Tissisat (8-1); 3, Bold Angel (5-1 jt-fav). Mentalasanythin 5-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Moon Spin, Wisham.

3.30 1, Nassma (6-4 fav); 2, Azhar (2-1); 3, Star Player (7-1). 6 ran. NR: Urgent Request, Farmer's Pet.

4.00 1, Lacotte (13-8 fav); 2, Desert Green (3-1); 3, Willow River (16-1). 8 ran. NR: Nafina.

4.30 1, Link Miles (13-2); 2, Indefence (15-8 fav); 3, Northern Celadon (7-1). 10 ran.

5.00 1, Kerkura (5-4 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Kardelle (14-1); 3, Elabs (11-1). 10 ran.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Lime Street Blues
(3.15 Nottingham)

Next best: Taroudant
(3.45 Nottingham)

Ripon

2.15 1, Randonneur (14-1); 2, Knayton Lass (6-1); 3, Sinners Repneve (7-4 fav). 8 ran.

2.45 1, First Bid (9-1); 2, Nawahil (8-1); 3, Barrairy (6-1). Balabaroo 9-4 fav. 12 ran.

3.15 1, Hard To Figure (10-1); 2, Samsolom (10-1); 3, Master Planner (16-1); 4, Everglades (9-2 fav). 23 ran.

3.50 1, Mr B Reasonable (16-1); 2, Elumed May (13-2); 3, Mon Rouge (8-1). Napoleon Star 9-4 fav. 9 ran.

4.25 1, Cambara (4-1); 2, Makin (3-1); 3, Tajhiz (11-8 fav). 13 ran. NR: Do Tell, Wannabe.

4.55 1, Jubran (9-1); 2, Sovereign Page (9-1); 3, Supertop (12-1); 4, Duveen (6-1 jt-fav). May Hills Legacy 6-1 jt-fav. 17 ran. NR: Red Indian.

Perth

2.20 1, Contract Elite (4-5 fav); 2, Brancepeth Belle (25-1); 3, Bonus Point (2-1). 9 ran. NR: Are You Happy.

2.50 1, Fastbit (5-2); 2, Sonsie Mo (2-1); 3, Glass Mountain (6-4 fav). 6 ran.

3.20 1, Srivijaya (2-1); 2, King William (7-4 fav); 3, Heir Of Excitement (5-1). 5 ran. NR: Beaucadeau, Hazel Leaf.

3.50 1, Valiant Warrior (15-8); 2, Pearls Beau (4-6 fav); 3, Caman (11-2). 4 ran.

4.20 1, Explosive Speed (6-4); 2, Stylish Gent (16-1); 3, Fling In Spring (8-1). Blackdown 11-10 fav. 6 ran.

4.50 1, *As d'Eboli* (3-1); 2, *Off The Bru* (11-2); 3, Nuns Jewel (4-5 fav). 4 ran.

☐ Willie Ryan was suspended for two days (August 30-31) for using his whip with both unreasonable frequency and above shoulder height after winning on Nassma at Chester on Saturday.

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing mounts	Level stakes
Pat Eddery	128	88	62	2	-35.68
K Darley	115	102	69	20	-64.52
L Dettori	98	84	77	7	-15.44
G Duffield	92	70	68	7	-23.44
T Quinn	86	84	75	2	-115.52
J Reid	81	74	39	1	-47.50
J Carroll	75	61	59	6	-34.77
M Roberts	75	70	90	27	-109.24
W Carson	75	66	82	3	-152.04
W Ryan	67	63	57	0	-104.30
Dean McKeown	67	63	53	10	-112.31
W R Swinburn	66	47	53	4	+16.60
M Hills	61	66	54	1	-124.83
R Cochrane	60	75	66	5	-164.95
A Munro	53	59	50	6	-123.16

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Rnrs since win	Level stakes
R Hannon	124	119	95	1	-41.99
J Berry	109	94	84	1	-55.69
H Cecil	74	44	46	1	+25.77
J Dunlop	65	52	46	2	+1.54
Mrs M Reveley	63	51	46	6	-53.82
J Gosden	59	39	29	1	+26.19
M Johnston	55	68	46	1	-81.19
P Cole	44	44	59	3	-121.52
I Balding	43	28	26	1	-4.57
P Chapple-Hyam	40	24	16	3	-21.90
D Loder	38	26	19	3	+1.31
R Hollinshead	37	51	45	4	-187.35
M Prescott	37	29	24	4	-27.49
M Stoute	37	40	38	1	-53.53
R Akehurst	35	32	13	1	-8.60

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Cole provides Newcastle with taste of life on high table



Keane: meandering

A spirited performance by Kevin Keegan's side earned it a point against the champions at Old Trafford. **Christopher Irvine** reports

IT IS all too easy to be overawed by Manchester United and the trappings of success. Kevin Keegan entered the interview suite (nothing so common as just a room) at Old Trafford in wonder. "Impressive, innit." the Newcastle United manager said, looking at the mock mahogany and launching into a jokey political speech from the podium.

Other managers will mount this scaffold to account for their sides' sins. Not Keegan and Newcastle, who kept their head and brought a sharp dose of reality back to the theatre of dreams. In restricting the champions to a 1-1 draw, they pricked the air of pomp and left Alex Ferguson smarting at his team's most slipshod showing since the beginning of last season.

Six times Ferguson mentioned carelessness on Saturday night, referring to defence and attack, and had his side converted one of three chances in the last three minutes, it would have been an injustice to Newcastle. Sit back, as United did in a flat red line for the greater part of the second half, and Aston Villa could take full advantage at Villa Park tonight.

That is the trouble with setting standards. Become complacent, and everyone gets encouraged. For United, however, as long as the lessons are absorbed, it is as well to get these games out of the system early.

Newcastle's approach was wonderfully simple: try to play the Manchester United way and you never know. The bristling display epitomised their spirit.

"Teams come here and they're trying to get the scraps off the table. Yes, it's a risky old game, and it won't always work, but for the sake of football as well, that's the way to come and play here."

Keegan said some of his players still lacked the belief that they belonged at football's high table. That should no longer be the case. The back four, and Watson in particular, coped admirably. the Cypriot, Papavasiliou, was menacing down the left, and Cole, the striker, was able to score a sparkling and deserved equaliser at his third attempt.

Maybe Keegan's description of Cole as the next Ian Wright was a shade generous. The England under-21 international managed to escape the strangely ineffectual attentions of Bruce and Irwin yet, too often, his final touch went astray, and there was too little of the wing play that turned Irwin this way and that and nearly led to a goal for Clark.

It annoyed Ferguson that a clearance led to Newcastle's goal and his generous tribute to the skills of the opposition in the programme turned out to be prophetic. Pallister wobbled at the back, Keane meandered like a man in a fog, and Kanchelskis, when he was not being flagged for offside, failed to provide Giggs with his accustomed service.

Robson, typically, provided the steel in midfield that was lacking elsewhere. His bustling foray, which was checked by Papavasiliou, furnished Ferguson with his one smile of the afternoon.

United's one moment of class came from Giggs. He spotted that Srnicek did not have the right corner of his goal covered, aimed straight from 20 yards and bulged the net at the Stretford End with a a free kick from 20 yards.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-1-2-3): P Schmeichel — P Parker (sub: L Sharp, 85min), S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — B Robson — R Keane, P Ince — A Kanchelskis (sub: B McClair, 70) M Hughes, R Giggs.
NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): P Srnicek — B Venison, K Scott, S Watson, J Beresford — R Lee, L Clark, P Bracewell, L O'Brien — N Papavasiliou, A Cole.
Referee: K Morton

☐ James Lambert, 19, the Reading winger who had a trial with Monaco last season, is joining Blackburn Rovers on a month's loan after being unable to win a place in the second division side's senior team this season.

Francis pays for lack of strength in depth

Peter Ball reports from Hillsborough on a 1-0 victory for Arsenal over Sheffield Wednesday

ON FRIDAY, Andy Sinton's arrival at Hillsborough was heralded as the sign that Sheffield Wednesday are now serious competitors in the transfer market. On Saturday, Arsenal suggested that there is still a little way to go before they compete on the field.

Arsenal won with much more comfort than the scoreline suggests, playing with massive authority. They are still not a side to stir the blood, the omission of Limpar and Merson, who made a belated appearance as substitute when Parlour ran out of steam, speaking volumes for their priorities, but they passed the ball around with more patience and purpose than they have sometimes done.

"We've changed the format in midfield, having an extra man, and that has helped," George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said. "It is lovely thinking you can play with two out and out wingers, but when a move breaks down it leaves you very vulnerable."

On Saturday, with Jensen, Parlour and Davis dominating midfield, Arsenal were impregnable rather than vulnerable. As in the cup finals last season, they imposed themselves on Wednesday, who struggled for inspiration. Perhaps it was a bad day to judge them. Sinton at least had a quietly satisfactory debut, but as a team they did little right.

Campbell and Wright mastered Wednesday's £3.25 million central defence with ease, Campbell going through to face Woods on two or three occasions as well as setting up Wright's goal. At the other end Warhurst and Hirst, who still seems to be struggling for match fitness, had a lean time against Linighan and Adams. But they had little service to work on, as Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, pointed out.

"We were unbalanced without Nilsson and Waddle, which meant the right-hand side of our team was missing" Francis said, "and that caused us problems throughout the team. If one area is not functioning that adds to the problems for everyone."

Wednesday have now failed to score in three games. Without Waddle, they created few chances and the disruption caused by the absentees meant they fielded three right-backs, Worthington, King and Warhurst, while Sheridan and Bart-Williams tried to fill Waddle's role, with little success.

"In most areas we've got cover, but on the right-hand side we don't have cover," Francis said. "And it's not easy to cover for Waddle anyway. Statistics show that he is involved in a very large percentage of our goals."

That suggests that although Sinton was proclaimed as the final piece of the jigsaw, there are still one or two pieces missing before Wednesday can match the biggest clubs.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): C Woods — N Worthington, D Walker, A Pearce, P King (sub: M Bright, 87min) — J Sheridan (sub: C Bart-Williams, 87), G Hyde, C Palmer, A Sinton — P Warhurst, D Hirst.
ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — M Keown, A Linighan, A Adams, N Winterburn — E McGoldrick, R Parlour (sub: P Merson, 77), J Jensen, P Davis — K Campbell, I Wright.
Referee: R Hart.

Liverpool stroll easily to top of Premiership table

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BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

LIVERPOOL'S ascent to the top of the league for the first time under the volatile management of Graeme Souness was achieved with a tinge of sadness as heavy as the dark clouds which hovered over the County Ground.

The FA Carling Premiership has changed names twice since Souness took over the management of the club in the spring of 1991, there have been 23 changes of playing personnel and a deficit in the transfer market of some £9 million — but, at last, with the two significant additions of Neil Ruddock, for £2.5 million, and Nigel Clough, for £2.75 million, he has bought aggression and subtlety and restored the old conviction.

The score could have been anything Liverpool desired. Their team may contain five players over the age of 30, but what pedigree and experience they bring. Poor Swindon, abandoned first by Ardiles and then Hoddle, the creators of their brave attempt at fluid football, simply could not cope with the tide that came their way in Liverpool's unfamiliar change strip of green with a penguin-white front.

At the level at which John Gorman is attempting to build a team for a club that seems suspiciously to have risen above its station, the main ingredient has to be hope and character. The hope came in the first 15 minutes, when Liverpool took a long, gentle look at what was on offer. In the third minute, Summerbee chipped the ball perceptively over Liverpool's square defence to where Mutch had made an excellent run. He hesitated a fraction and Grobbelaar, the goalkeeper in black, came two yards beyond his area to block him.

There were two more chances while Liverpool waited. The first fell to Fjortoft, his attempted overhead shot going wide, and then, after Moncur drifted a delightful ball 25 yards from left to right, Mutch hit his shot along the ground a foot wide of the far post.

Then, between the sixteenth and eighteenth minutes, the game turned. Fjortoft tried to grapple with Ruddock, received a sharp elbow to the face and no mercy from a referee who ignored Ruddock's misdemeanour. Moments later, when Summerbee grounded McManaman with a less-obvious elbow, out came the yellow card. Worse, from Bjornebye's free kick, Ruddock took the ball on his chest and, with his second touch, prodded it over the goalline.

Now Liverpool took command. More precisely, Whelan and Molby took languid command. They may be the strollers of the Premiership, but they prove that the first yards of pace in true football come from the brain and, after 35 minutes, that quality was found to be lacking in the Swindon defence. Jones made a 25-yard run at the retreating red shirts, he slipped the ball out to Nicol on the right, and the Scot's measured cross was then volleyed in for goal No 2 by McManaman. Summerbee, was inert when he should have been marking the winger.

After Mutch had squandered two more opportunities, Nijholt was caught out and Swindon fell further behind. The Dutchman had possession, took his eye off the ball, and Whelan pounced. Having won the ball, the Irishman, whose return to fitness this season has much to do with Liverpool's greater composure, released McManaman, who swayed away from a naive MacLaren tackle and calmly lofted the ball wide of the on-rushing Digby.

That was in the 61st minute. Nine minutes later, the score was 4-0 after a cross from Bjornebye had been headed out straight to Whelan, who accepted the invitation to score with an instant shot from the edge of the penalty area.

By now, the embarrassment of it all was too much for Swindon. The character they will need in abundance this season seemed to desert them, their third consecutive defeat was huge and Liverpool were trying their best to lay on the 200th League goal of Ian Rush's career in a Liverpool shirt. Three times in one minute he could have scored, but when the scoreline was finally rounded up to five, it was through the substitute, Marsh, who curled in an immaculate shot with his right foot.

It was all over bar the talking and even that came from Liverpool. "It was generally known when I took over I had to make changes," Souness said. "I'm absolutely delighted to have some of the best players in English football and, if they desire it and want it, we have a chance in every competition. We can only get better and, if we do, then we can start frightening a few teams."

SWINDON TOWN (5-3-2): F Digby — N Summerbee, A Whitbread, R MacLaren, S Taylor, K Horlock — M Ling (sub: C Maskell, 78min), L Nijholt, J Mcmur (sub: M Hazard, 50) — J A Fjortoft, A Mutch.
LIVERPOOL (4-4-2): B Grobbelaar — R Jones, M Wright, N Ruddock (sub: M Marsh, 76), S Bjornebye (sub: S Burrows, 73) — S Nicol, R Whelan, J Molby, S McManaman — I Rush, N Clough
Referee: P Don.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Liverpool	3	9	+9	WWW
2	Everton	3	9	+5	WWW
3	Ipswich	3	9	+5	WWW
4	Manchester Utd	3	7	+5	DWW
5	Coventry	3	7	+4	DWW
6	Norwich	3	6	+3	WWL
7	Blackburn	3	6	+1	WLW
8	Tottenham	3	6	+1	WLW
9	Arsenal	3	6	-1	WWL
10	Aston Villa	3	5	+3	DDW
11	Wimbledon	3	5	+2	DDW
12	Leeds	3	4	-3	LWD
13	Sheffield Utd	3	3	-3	LLW
14	Oldham	3	3	-3	LWL
15	QPR	3	3	-4	WLL
16	Chelsea	3	1	-2	LDL
17	Newcastle	3	1	-2	DLL
18	Machester City	3	1	-2	LLD
19	West Ham	3	1	-3	DLL
20	Sheffield Wed	3	1	-3	LDL
21	Southampton	3	0	-4	LLL
22	Swindon	3	0	-7	LLL

Moved up — Stayed the same — Moved down

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Ruddock is denied by Digby, the Swindon goalkeeper, Summberbee and Taylor at the County Ground yesterday

Gould burdened by heavy schedule

Russell Kempson hears familiar grumbles about tired players with the Premiership only eight days into its inaugural season

WOE, woe and thrice woe. The FA Carling Premiership is still in its infancy and the managerial bitching has started. Too many matches in too few days: no time to recover before going over the top again.

Last year, it was Gerry Francis, the Queens Park Rangers manager, who moaned and groaned when his team were handed a three games in six days introduction to the Premier League. Yet amid predictions of doom, his players collected seven points.

On Saturday, it was Bobby Gould, the Coventry City manager, spouting forth on the onerous burden of being a professional footballer. Coventry had just completed three matches in eight days, with a 1-1 draw against West Ham United, and had also harvested seven points.

But the pressure of having to fully exert themselves for 4½ hours in little more than a week was beginning to tell. Even during the pre-match warm-up, overseen by Phil Neal, Gould's assistant, the signs were ominous. "Phil reckoned there was no zip in the players," Gould said. "And you could see it in their faces. They were blank. We just weren't at the ball game.

"It all catches up with you, no matter who you are. Some of our younger guys are still learning their trade and it's exhausting for them, mentally and physically. It's asking the human body to do too much."

Gould offered no solution and, with a grudging acceptance, is forced to exhort his already tired and emotional men to greater efforts when the last thing they want to think about is kicking a ball. "We have to take what is thrown at us," he said. Until the Premiership chairmen relax their grip on financial gain, and begin to prune the 22-club format at the end of next season, he and his ilk have no option. More matches means more money yet, more often than not, a second-rate product; less matches means less lucre yet fit, fresh frames and, perhaps, a rejuvenated England squad.

But is it really too much to expect a team to perform close to its best when it has won both its opening fixtures, including a 3-0 success away to Arsenal, and is only a fraction into the season? Is it fair to blame the system rather than the individuals for a largely clueless and lethargic display? At Highfield Road, apparently so.

Coventry ambled around on Saturday, with little stimulation or inspiration, until Wegerle pushed forward from his deep-lying role to poach a 57th-minute equaliser. West Ham had gone ahead in first-half injury time through Gordon and, despite *nil points* and no goals from their previous two outings, at least appeared interested.

Dicks, their strong and thrusting left back, has never been short on motivation and but for a penchant for taking the law into his own hands could have been pushing for a similar slot in the national side. A backward swipe at Flynn, and yellow card, further diminished his chances of a call from Graham Taylor.

Coventry must now regroup, reassess the part they have to play in the Premiership's rich tapestry and travel to Oldham Athletic tomorrow. Another town, another 90 minutes. Poor souls.

COVENTRY CITY (3-4-1-2): J Gould — P Atherton, D Rennie, P Babb — S Flynn, P Ndlovu, A Sheridan (sub: W Boland, 45min), S Morgan — R Wegerle — J Williams (sub: P Williams, 74), M Quinn
WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko — T Breacker, C Foster, S Potts, J Dicks — D Gordon, M Allen, P Butler, K Rowland — T Morley, C Allen.
Referee: S Lodge.

Villa settle for point and no return

Peter Robinson sees Ron Atkinson's side draw 2-2 with Wimbledon in a typically uncompromising encounter at Selhurst Park

THE sense of relief as Aston Villa stepped wearily onto their team coach on Saturday evening said it all. Tired, bruised, but still standing, had they stood as one and chorused "Thank heavens that is over", they could not have made it any clearer. In the FA Carling Premiership at least, they can steer well clear of Selhurst Park for another season and concentrate on easier ventures out of Villa Park, like trips to Old Trafford or Anfield.

The long and difficult trip from the Midlands, the odd atmosphere generated by 7,533 spectators in a stadium built to hold more than four times that number and, of course, Wimbledon's rough-house approach to the game make this corner of Croydon one of the least loved in football by teams such as Villa. Had you offered them a 2-2 draw beforehand, they would have said: "Thank you very much, that'll do nicely". In the event, that is what they got, and that is what they did.

It could have been more and would have been had they finished with any kind of aplomb, but stealing a draw from this fixture is always a decent result, never mind what might have been. Wimbledon may still be horrible to watch, but they are as effective as ever, and already have their eyes on a place in Europe next season.

Villa represented just another obstacle in their path and, like anything else that gets in their way, they were happy to crash through it in a flurry of elbows and crunching tackles. Villa, smaller and quicker, trotted out in what looked like one of Crystal Palace's old strips, and did their best to keep out of the way.

They drew first blood, too, crowning an impressive opening spell with a slick four-man move that Richardson finished with an astute run and clip past the keeper. Wimbledon fought back, peppering Spink in the Villa goal with high crosses from all angles until finally he hesitated and left Holdsworth in space to head the simplest of equalisers.

At half-time came instructions from Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, to convert missed chances into goals. His namesake, Dalian Atkinson, did his best to oblige, but time and time again found the crowd when it seemed easier to score. On good days, similar opportunities find the net and everybody marvels at the quality of Villa's finishing. This was not a good day.

Wimbledon, with Fashanu locked in a gladiatorial struggle with Teale in which no quarter was asked for and none given, looked the more likely winners until Staunton squeezed his corner between players and the near post with nine minutes to go.

Again, back came Wimbledon. From another high cross Fashanu bounced his header into the top corner, flattening his marker in the process; honours even and the points shared.

Afterwards, Wimbledon's players, particularly Fashanu, emerged grinning and dispiritingly fresh. Villa's, at least some of them, looked shattered, thinking only of a rest before heading back to Birmingham. Tonight, they play Manchester United. A different game, almost a different world.

WIMBLEDON (4-3-3): H Segers — R Joseph, J Scales, D Blackwell, A Kimble — W Barton, R Earle, L Sanchez — J Fashanu, D Holdsworth, A Clarke (sub: G Dobbs, 65min).
ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): N Spink — E Barrett, P McGrath, S Teale, S Staunton — R Houghton, G Cowans, K Richardson, S Froggatt — D Saunders, D Atkinson.
Referee: J Borrett.

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Millwall's opening wrecked by Southend

Millwall 1
Southend United 4

By Keith Pike

NICE stadium, shame about the team. Millwall may have the ground of the future at Senegal Fields, staging competitive football for the first time yesterday, but their performance was a shambles as Southend coasted to an emphatic Endsleigh Insurance League first division victory.

As a grand opening party, it could hardly have gone worse for Millwall. Many of the expected guests failed to show up, just 10,274 in an impressive arena designed to hold twice that many, and long before the end they were streaming towards the exits, having seen — along with the millions watching on television — their team comprehensively outplayed. The decision to leave Cold Blow Lane may have cost Millwall their biggest asset: the power to intimidate.

Both clubs had given their coffers a substantial boost in the summer by banking cheques from Nottingham Forest, but while Barry Fry, the Southend manager, has bought a new team on a third of the proceeds of the £2.9m sale of Stan Collymore, Millwall have resisted any temptation. A few more displays like this one, though, and the pressure on Mick McCarthy, the Millwall manager, to invest some of the £1.7m he received for Colin Cooper will be enormous.

It was in defence where Cooper was missed most, but Millwall's deficiencies were exploited elsewhere. Pedestrian in midfield and predictable in attack, they looked a pale imitation of the side which only just missed out on the play-offs last season.

They had no answer to the vision of the diminutive Derek Payne, who orchestrated Southend's incessant attacks, and were destroyed down the flanks by the pace of Otto and Ansah.

McCarthy, predictably, was unimpressed. "I was embarrassed," he said. "It was the worst performance since I came here. I have had to question a few of the players' attitudes and it is the first time I've had to do that."

If Millwall had one excuse it was that Keith Stevens, their highly competitive stopper, never fully recovered from the gashed forehead which forced him to leave the field for seven minutes early in the match. But even before then the pattern had been established. Southend could have been five clear by the interval.

Astonishingly, though, they had to come from behind. Lee and Otto had squandered the best of Southend's early chances before a rare Millwall attack ended with Kerr shooting low past Sansome.

From then on only Keller and his goal frame stood between Southend and a rout. Even before Lee rose to head in Locke's 36th minute corner, he and Angell had both stretched Keller to his limits, and Ansah and Angell had hit the same post in one attack.

As Millwall became desperate in the second half, their supporters resorted to incessant verbal abuse of Southend's four non-white players. Three goals in 26 minutes was the perfect response.

Otto put Southend in front, converting at the far post after Stevens' slip allowed Ansah and Lee to work the ball from right to left, and Stevens was partly at fault again as Sansome's punt was allowed to bounce deep inside the Millwall area, where Mooney, the substitute, scored with his first touch. Like Lee before him, he was marking his Southend debut in the best way possible.

The final word fell to Ansah who was unmarked as he headed in Otto's left wing cross.

MILLWALL (4-4-2): K Keller — K Cunningham, A McCarthy, K Stevens, I Dawes — A Roberts, I Bogie, G Maguire, A Dolby (sub: R Huxford, 64min) — J Kerr, B Murray (sub: J Byrne, 69).
SOUTHEND UNITED (4-4-2): P Sansome — A Locke (sub: J Hunt, 82), A Edwards, G Bressington, C Powell — A Ansah, A Sussex, D Payne, R Otto — J Lee, B Angell (sub: T Mooney, 69).
Referee: K Barratt



Fry: signings paid off

Celtic are no nearer to new era



DAVE ROGERS/ALLSPORT

Hateley manages to reach the ball despite the attentions of a Celtic defender

RODDY FORSYTH



Scottish commentary

Twice a year, it is possible for everyone connected with Celtic to contemplate the pleasures of a parallel universe, one in which they are restored to dominance and Rangers are reduced to a supporting role. So it was on Saturday when warm sunshine sharpened the tribal colours of 47,942 spectators in Britain's biggest crowd of the day, an assembly in which Celtic supporters outnumbered the Rangers contingent by three to one.

The game itself ended in a less satisfactory split from Celtic's point of view, after the first goalless draw in an Old Firm derby for nine years, but since Celtic controlled the balance of creative play and enjoyed most of the goalmouth chances, optimists in green and white could still believe that their team might yet beat Rangers over the course of the league season.

Michael Kelly, the Celtic director and former Lord Provost of Glasgow who belongs to one of the club's founding families, took the long view when he was interviewed an hour before the kick-off: "When I was a young supporter, Rangers were much the more sucessful club and Celtic struggled," he said.

"Then along came Jock Stein and Celtic won nine league titles in a row and it was Rangers' turn to wonder when it would end. But it turned around, as it always does, because success in football is cyclical and when our time comes again it will be all the sweeter."

A cycle is one thing, but an epoch is another matter entirely, and although football is notoriously capricious in its disposal of fortune, there is evidence to suggest that Celtic may not yet even be bouncing along the bottom of their hard times. When Rangers were excluded from the championship for almost a decade during the Stein years, they consoled themselves by reaching two European finals and, in the four years before they broke Celtic's title monopoly, Rangers won the Scottish League Cup, Scottish Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup.

By contrast, Celtic have not won a trophy for four years and the club seems trapped not so much in a cycle as by the business of recycling. When Liam Brady was appointed manager two years ago, it was he because his provenance was similar to that of Graeme Souness; like Souness, he had a distinguished record as an international footballer with a successful club career in England and Italy.

But the circumstances that favoured Souness's managerial apprenticeship no longer existed in 1991. Souness had been able to buy and sell, sometimes manically, but always in a bull market, so that when he priodically discarded players after a few months' use, he was usually able to turn a profit. Brady has operated in a stagnant market and has yet to find a Woods, Butcher, Roberts or Hateley.

Above all, he has yet to uncover a Maurice Johnston. Johnston's mediocre record at Everton should not obscure his significance to Celtic. When he agreed to return to Parkhead from Nantes in May 1989, the news galvanised his former club to the extent that Roy Aitken, then Celtic captain, declared it had been a factor in Celtic's 1-0 Scottish Cup final victory over Rangers.

A month later, Johnston reneged on his promise and moved to Ibrox. Since then, the Parkhead trophy cabinet has remained bare and Celtic have failed to sign any player of similar charisma.

Rangers have, though, and his name is Duncan Ferguson. His debut for the club on Saturday was his first competitive game since April and he began to tire rapidly midway through the second half. Nevertheless, of the three Rangers attempts on target — Celtic managed only one — Ferguson struck two and forced Bonner into parrying saves.

The lesson for Celtic remains clear — as far as this cycle of football history goes, it is Rangers who continue to pedal clear of the chasing pack.

Canadian earns share of spoils for City

Birmingham City 2
Wolverhampton W 2

By Peter Ball

IF THE first division is going to produce games like this, Central television viewers are going to have an entertaining winter. Birmingham City and Wolverhampton Wanderers conjured up a classic old-fashioned West Midlands derby yesterday, full of fierce challenge and a lot of good football.

At the end a draw was a just result, although Birmingham might disagree. The comparatively poor relations, having spent £500,000 on players to Wolves' £2.5 million, had more of the possession and the better chances after fighting back from 2-0 down.

Birmingham City have been the great under-achievers in British football, but St Andrew's is being modernised and there is a buzz of excitement about. Yesterday they more than matched their expensive opponents.

In the process they suggested that any assumptions about Wolves buying promotion may be sunk in the mass of those great levellers, derby matches.

"It's going to be difficult for any Midlands side to stay in the top two," Terry Cooper, the Birmingham manager, said. It did not look it after 35 minutes, as Wolves scored twice in 45 seconds.

Ironically the goals came not from their formidable forwards, Bull in particular having a difficult time, but from further back. Venus exchanged passes with Mountfield, and floated the ball inside the near post.

The Wolves supporters were still celebrating when their side scored again. It is easy to assume that Geoff Thomas was signed to do for Wolves what Vinnie Jones did for Leeds, but Thomas is more than just an intimidator.

He timed his run perfectly to accept Birch's long pass and drive the ball under Miller.

That seemed likely to be that, but Birmingham hit back with two goals in a minute after the interval. Peschisolido, the Canadian international, accepted Smith's pass to beat Stowell and then set up the equaliser for Saville.

BIRMINGHAM CITY (4-4-2): K Miller — S Hiley, R Dryden, C Whyte, J Frain — E McMinn, G Parris (sub: L Donowa, 68min), P Mardon, D Smith — A Saville, P Peschisolido (sub. P Moulden, 88).
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): M Stowell — M Rankine, D Mountfield, P Shirtliff, M Venus — P Birch, P Cook, G Thomas, K Keen — S Bull, D Kelly (sub: C Regis, 73).
Referee: K Cooper

Wycombe may need time to bridge league gap

Keith Pike believes the Conference champions should temper early optimism with caution

AFTER a 600-mile detour via Carlisle and a midweek excursion to Leyton Orient, Wycombe Wanderers finally arrived at the promised land, their first home match bringing them their first Endsleigh Insurance League victory on Saturday. The relief which pervaded Adams Park was almost tangible.

The burden of expectancy is already weighing heavily on Wycombe and Martin O'Neill's decision to reject Nottingham Forest's summer overtures and commit himself to the Buckinghamshire club has only added to it.

Bookmakers have made them short-priced favourites for the third division but, of the 29 sides admitted to the league since 1923, only three have won promotion at the first attempt and, on the evidence of their 1-0 defeat of Chester City on Saturday, Wycombe's credentials are suspect.

O'Neill's own expectations are more realistic. "We are not suddenly going to sweep all before us," he said. "The supporters should realise what a big step up we have made."

Chester, having lost their final seven games last season, when they were relegated, have now been beaten in their first three matches of the new campaign. Yet, with a little more composure and a sprinkling of luck, they would have at least got a draw.

Wycombe employ a standard 4-4-2 formation, robust but short of pace in defence and largely functional rather than inspirational further forward. What they do have, though, is a winger who, on his own, makes them worth watching.

Steve Guppy, last season's GM Vauxhall Conference player of the year, has the pace and ability to beat his man on either foot and eventually dismantled every barrier the men from the walled city of Chester tried to erect. It was his lofted pass which enabled Scott to score the decisive ninth-minute goal.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS (4-4-2): P Hyde — J Cousins, M Crossley, A Kerr, D Titterton — D Carroll (sub. H Hayrettin, 74min), K Ryan, S Stapleton, S Guppy — K Scott, S Thompson (sub. T Langford, 78).
CHESTER CITY (4-4-2): W Stewart — R Preece, M Came, C Greenall, J Jakub — D Thompson, E Bishop (sub: I Jenkins, 87), C Lightfoot, D Pugh — S Rimmer (sub: D Donnelly, 74), M Leonard.
Referee: M Bailey

WEEKEND'S FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

BLACKBURN (1) 1 OLDHAM (0) 0
Moran 10 — 13,731

COVENTRY (0) 1 WEST HAM (1) 1
Wegerle 57 — Gordon 45 — 12,909

EVERTON (2) 4 SHEFF UTD (1) 2
Cottee 35, 63, 90 Ebbrell 45 — Whitehouse 1 Cork 89 — 24,169

IPSWICH (1) 1 CHELSEA (0) 0
Marshall 33 — 17,582

LEEDS (0) 0 NORWICH (2) 4
Fox 2, 69 Sutton 41 Goss 62 — 32,008

MAN UTD (1) 1 NEWCASTLE (0) 1
Giggs 40 — Cole 71 — 41,829

QPR (1) 2 SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1
Penrice 13 Wilson 46 (pen) — Dowie 87 — 10,613

SHEFF WED (0) 0 ARSENAL (1) 1
Wright 9 — 26,023

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 MAN CITY (0) 0
Sedgley 68 — 24,535

WIMBLEDON (1) 2 A VILLA (1) 2
Holdsworth 58 Fashanu 85 — Richardson 17 McGrath 82 — 7,533

Yesterday

SWINDON (0) 0 LIVERPOOL (2) 5
17,017 — Ruddock 17 McManaman 36, 61, Whelan 70, March 80

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Liverpool	3	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	8	1	9
2 Everton	3	2	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	2	0	9
3 Ipswich	3	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	9
4 Man Utd	3	1	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	2	0	7
5 Coventry	3	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	0	3	0	7
6 Norwich	3	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	7	2	6
7 Blackburn	3	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	0	2	1	6
8 Tottenham	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	6
9 Arsenal	3	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	6
10 Aston Villa	3	1	0	0	4	1	0	2	0	2	2	5
11 Wimbledon	3	0	2	0	3	3	1	0	0	2	0	5
12 Leeds	3	1	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	1	1	4
13 Sheff Utd	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	2	7	3
14 Oldham	3	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	3
15 QPR	3	1	0	1	3	4	0	0	1	1	4	3
16 Chelsea	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
17 Newcastle	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	1
18 Man City	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	1
19 West Ham	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
20 Sheff Wed	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1
21 Southampton	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
22 Swindon	3	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	1	1	3	0

Leading scorers in premiership: 3 Clough (Liverpool), Cottee (Everton), Fashanu (Wimbledon), Marshall (Ipswich), Quinn (Coventry), Sutton (Norwich).

	Offences Bkg	S-off	Attendances Average	+/-
Arsenal	4	0	24,897	+2.0
Aston Villa	1	0	32,994	+11.5
Blackburn	0	0	13,848	-14.8
Chelsea	2	0	29,189	+55.4
Coventry	2	0	14,334	-4.2
Everton	1	0	25,102	+22.8
Ipswich	1	0	16,075	-11.8
Leeds	3	0	33,298	+13.8
Liverpool	1	0	44,004	+18.9
Man City	2	0	32,356	+31.0
Man Utd	5	1	41,889	+19.2
Newcastle	0	0	35,216	+21.4
Norwich	4	0	19,705	+22.0
Oldham	2	0	12,182	-5.3
QPR	6	0	15,124	+0.7
Sheff Utd	1	1	20,904	+11.2
Sheff Wed	2	0	27,236	-0.1
Southampton	3	0	14,051	-8.7
Swindon	4	0	14,493	+35.3
Tottenham	2	0	26,445	-4.7
West Ham	3	0	20,363	+27.3
Wimbledon		0	9,308	+10.7

... Whitehouse (Sheff Utd)

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BOLTON (0) 1 STOKE (0) 1
Coyle 49 — Stein 68 — 11,328

BRISTOL CITY (0) 2 C PALACE (0) 0
Baird 69 Allison 84 — 12,068

MIDDLSBROUGH (2) 3 DERBY (0) 0
Kernaghan 4 Wilkinson 31 Hendrie 57 — 15,168

NOTTM FOR (2) 5 GRIMSBY (1) 3
Black 14, Futcher (og) 19 Glover 53 Woan 61 Rosario 76 — Mendonca 44, 66 Dobbin 60 — 23,225

PETERBORO (0) 1 NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1
Welsh 58 — Draper 66 — 6,890

PORTSMTH (1) 1 LUTON (0) 0
Hall 40 — 12,248

SUNDRLAND (0) 4 CHARLTON (0) 0
Goodman 85 Gray 74 Cunnington 82 Armstrong 84 — 17,647

TRANMERE (0) 1 LEICESTER (0) 0
Malkin 52 — 8,766

WATFORD (0) 0 BARNSLEY (2) 2
5,937 — Biggins 4 Bryson 12

WEST BROM (1) 3 OXFORD UTD (1) 1
Hunt 44 Donovan 49 O'Regan 84 — Robinson 42 — 17,227

Yesterday

BIRMINGHAM (0) 2 WOLVES (2) 2
Peschisolido 50 Saville 52 — Venus 35 Thomas 36 — 15,117

MILLWALL (1) 1 SOUTHEND (1) 4
Kerr 22 — Lee 35 Otto 55 Mooney 72 Ansah 82 — 10,273

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Middlesbro	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	3	2	6
2 Charlton	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	5	6
3 Nottm Forest	3	1	1	0	6	4	0	1	0	1	1	5
4 Derby	3	1	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	1	4	4
5 Peterborough	3	1	1	0	5	2	0	0	1	1	2	4
6 Southend	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	1	4
7 Wolves	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	2	2	4
8 West Brom	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	4
9 Barnsley	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	3	4	4
10 Tranmere	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
11 Oxford Utd	2	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	3	3
12 Portsmouth	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	2	3	3
13 Sunderland	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	5	3
14 Bristol City	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	3	3
15 Millwall	2	0	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	2	1	3
16 Leicester	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
17 Luton	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
18 Bolton	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
19 Notts County	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	1	1
20 Grimsby	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	5	1
21 Birmingham	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	1
22 Stoke	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	1
23 C Palace	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1
24 Watford	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	0

Leading scorer in division: 4 Donovan (West Brom)

TRANSFERS (w/e August 21): Andy Sinton (QPR) to Sheff W, £2.75m; Steve Yates (Bristol R) to QPR, £750,000; Jakob Kjeldberg (Silkeborg) to Chelsea, £400,000; Jostein Flo (Sogndal) to Sheff U, £400,000; Peter Shirtliff (Sheff W) to Wolves, £250,000; Andy Mutch (Wolves) to Swindon, £250,000; Paul Williams (Stockport) to Coventry, £150,000; Worrell Sterling (Peterboro) to Bristol R, £140,000; Martin Carruthers (A Villa) to Stoke, £100,000, Barry Hunter (Crusaders) to Wrexham, £50,000; David Phillips (Norwich) to Nottm For, tribunal; John Harkes (Sheff W) to Derby, tribunal, Graham Stuart (Chelsea) to Everton, tribunal, David Johnson (Sheff W) to Lincoln, tribunal, Ian Juryeff + Andy Toman (Darlington) to Scunthorpe, nominal; Chris Leadbitter (Cambridge) to Bournemth, nominal; Mike Conroy (Burnley) to Preston, nominal, Gary Barnett (Huddersfld) to Leyton O, nominal, Trevor Matthewson (Birmingham) to Preston, nominal

SENDINGS OFF: Peter Billing (Port Vale) 10min, prof foul; Bobby Bowry (C Palace) 18, violent conduct, Mike Duxbury (Bradford) 44, fighting; Brian McGorry (Bournemouth) 44, fighting, Bruce Dyer (Watford) 45, serious foul, Gerry Taggart

Second division

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 BRENTFORD (1) 1
Watson 50 — Allon 11 — 4,024

BOURNEMTH (0) 1 BRADFORD (0) 1
Cotterill 88 — Reid 71 (pen) — 4,769

BRIGHTON (1) 1 HARTLPOOL (1) 1
Kennedy 12 — Gallacher 20 — 5,230

EXETER (0) 1 YORK (1) 2
Jepson 58 (pen) — Swann 41 Naylor 52 — 2,807

FULHAM (0) 1 CARDIFF (1) 3
Baddeley (og) 77 — Blake 14, 47 Thompson 55 — 5,696

HULL (1) 2 PLYMOUTH (1) 2
Brown 44 Windass 70 (pen) — Castle 45, 78 — 3,580

L ORIENT (0) 1 BRISTOL ROV (0) 0
Taylor 79 — 4,155

PORT VALE (3) 6 BARNET (0) 0
Slaven 32, 40, 43 Foyle 52, 69, 74 — 7,538

READING (2) 2 BURNLEY (0) 1
Quinn 10 McPherson 25 — Eyres 85 (pen) — 5,855

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 HUDDERSFIELD (1) 3
Varadi 9 Wilder 58 (pen) — Onuora 22 Roberts 78 Wells 89 — 5,540

STOCKPORT (1) 3 CAMBRIDGE UTD (0) 1
Preece 33, 73 Francis 58 — Danzey 64 — 3,782

SWANSEA (1) 3 WREXHAM (1) 1
Harris 44 Pascoe 77 Cornforth 83 (pen) — Watkin 40 — 5,383

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Stockport	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	3	2	6
2 Reading	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	3	0	6
3 York	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	6
4 Hull	2	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	1	4
5 Bradford	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	4
6 Brentford	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	4
7 Bournemouth	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	4
8 Port Vale	2	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	1	2	3
9 Swansea	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	2	3
10 Camb Utd	2	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	3	3
11 Burnley	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	3
12 Huddersfield	2	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	3	2	3
13 Cardiff	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
14 Fulham	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
15 Leyton Orient	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
16 Rotherham	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	3	3	1
17 Plymouth	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	2	2	1
18 Wrexham	2	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	3	1
19 Blackpool	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	3	1
20 Hartlepool	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
21 Brighton	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1
22 Exeter	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	0
23 Barnet	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	6	0
24 Bristol Rov	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Leading scorers in division: 4 Slaven (Port Vale), McCarthy (Bradford).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier Division: Fleetwood 2 Emley 2; Frickley 0 Colwyn Bay 1; Gainsborough 0 B Auckland 0; Horwich 1 Matlock 1, Hyde 1 Accrington Stanley 4, Knowsley 1 Buxton 1 Leek 0 Bridlington 2; Marine 3 Boston 2, Morecambe 1 Droylsden 2; Whitley Bay 0 Chorley 0; Winsford 1 Barrow 2.
First division: Ashton 5 Worksop 0, Bamber Bridge 2 Alfreton 2; Congleton 0 Lancaster 2; C Ashton 1 Goole 1, Farsley C 1 Caernarfon 0, Gt Harwood 2 Mossley 1, Gretna 4 Radcliffe Boro 0, Guiseley 6 Workington 2; Netherfield 0 Harrogate 0; Spennymoor 1 Warrington 2.

Third division

CHESTRFLD (2) 3 HEREFORD (1) 1
S Norris 15, 57 Turnbull 40 — Pickard 45 — 2,718

CREWE (1) 2 COLCHESTR (0) 1
Ward 41, 59 — Ball 68 — 2,700

DONCASTER (0) 0 CARLISLE (0) 0
2,575

LINCOLN (1) 1 DARLINGTN (1) 1
Baraclough 35 (pen) — Gaughan 29 — 2,699

ROCHDALE (2) 3 GILLINGHAM (0) 0
Butler 36 Whitehall 42 Stuart 79 — 2,092

SCARBORO (1) 3 PRESTON (2) 4
Young 38 Knowles 58 Charles 68 (pen) — Ellis 14, 48 Ainsworth 28, 53 — 2,329

SCUNTHRPE (0) 1 BURY (0) 1
Thompstone 89 — Reid 90 — 3,375

SHRWSBURY (0) 1 WALSALL (0) 2
Brown 46 — Gayle 53 Cecere 88 — 3,681

TORQUAY (0) 1 WIGAN (0) 1
Moore 75 — Morton 67 — 3,465

WYCOMBE (1) 1 CHESTER (0) 0
Scott 8 — 5,607

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Chesterfield	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	2	0	6
2 Crewe	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	6
3 Rochdale	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	4
4 Scunthorpe	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	4
5 Torquay	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	4
6 Wycombe	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	4
7 Doncaster	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
8 Scarborough	2	0	0	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	3
9 Preston	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	4	3	3
10 Walsall	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	3
11 Colchester	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	3
12 Mansfield	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
13 Carlisle	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	2
14 Darlington	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	2
15 Bury	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2
16 Lincoln	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
17 Wigan	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1
18 Northampton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
19 Shrewsbury	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
20 Hereford	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
21 Chester	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
22 Gillingham	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	0

Leading scorers in division: 3 Ellis (Preston), Norris (Chesterfld)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier Division: Atherstone 2 Farnborough 0; Bashley 2 Halesowen 1; Burton 1 Trowbridge 1; Cambridge C 1 Moor Green 3; Cheltenham 5 Chelmsford 0; Corby 2 Gloucester 1; Crawley 1 Nuneaton 0; Dorchester 1 Gresley 2; Sittingbourne 3 Hednesford 0; Solihull 1 Waterlooville 1, Worcester 3 Hastings 1.
Midland Division: Bilston 0 RC Warwick 0, Bridgnorth 0 Bedworth 2; Forest Green 0 Grantham 2; Hinckley 0 Evesham 0; King's Lynn 3 Stourbridge 2; Leicester 0 Dudley 5, Newport AFC 3 Tamworth 1, Redditch 2 VS Rugby 0, Rushden and Diamonds 2 Clevedon 0; Sutton Coldfield 0 Weston-Super-Mare 3, Yate 0 Armitage 1.
Southern Division: Baldock 4 Havant 2; Braintree 1 Ashford 3; Buckingham 0 Gravesend and Northfleet 2, Canterbury C 3 Sudbury 0; Dunstable 2 Burnham 2, Erith and Belvedere 0 Weymouth 3; Margate 0 Fareham 0, Newport IOW 3 Bury 0; Poole 5 Wealdstone 1, Salisbury C 6 Fisher 93 0, Witney 0 Tonbridge AFC 1

GM Vauxhall Conference

BATH (1) 5 MACCLSFLD (1) 1
Smart 12 (pen) Adcock 49, 60, 62 Boyle 64 — Sharratt 27 — 667

BROMSGROVE (1) 1 YEOVIL (0) 2
Crisp 7 — Spencer 77 Sanderson 88 — 1,157

DAGENHAM & RED (2) 3 SOUTHPORT (2) 3
Watts 16 Jones 37 De Souza 47 — Comstive 21 Walmsley 38 Withers 52 — 1,234

DOVER (1) 3 KIDDERMINSTER (0) 1
Leworthy 38, 64 Bartlett 69 — Gordon 90 — 1,729

GATESHEAD (1) 2 RUNCORN (1) 2
Farrey 10 Dobson 75 — Sweeney (og) 11 Brabin 58 — 510

HALIFAX (0) 0 KETTERING (0) 0
1,810

MERTHYR (0) 0 ALTRNCHM (0) 0
643

NORTHWICH (0) 0 WOKING (0) 0
1,041

STALYBRIDGE (0) 0 SLOUGH (1) 1
679 — Stanley 40

TELFORD (1) 2 WITTON (1) 2
Parrish 9 Whittlehouse 56 — Burke 23 Rose 66 — 933

WELLING (1) 2 STAFFORD (0) 1
Robbins 31 Abbott 90 — Essex 46 — 885

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Bath	1	1	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
2 Dover	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
3 Welling	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
4 Yeovil	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3
5 Slough	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
6 Dagenham R	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
7 Southport	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	1
8 Gateshead	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
9 Runcorn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1
10 Telford	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
11 Witton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1
12 Altrincham	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
13 Halifax	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
14 Kettering	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
15 Merthyr	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
16 Northwich	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
17 Woking	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
18 Bromsgrove	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
19 Stafford	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
20 Stalybridge	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
21 Kidderminster	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0
22 Macclesfield	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	0

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 3 Kingstonian 6; Basingstoke 1 Molesey 2; Carshalton 0 Enfield 3; Dorking 4 Wivenhoe 1; Dulwich 3 Hayes 2; Grays 0 Hendon 3, Harrow 1 Wokingham 1; Hitchin 1 Bromley 0, St Albans 1 Chesham 1, Sutton U 0 Stevenage Borough 0, Yeading 2 Marlow 0. First division: Abingdon 1 B Regis 1; Barking 0 Croydon 2, Billericay 0 Wembley 1; Chalfont St P 0 Staines 5, Heybridge Sw 1 Boreham Wood 2; Maidenhead 4 Whyteleafe 0; Purfleet 2 Ruislip M 1; Uxbridge 1 Leyton 2; Walton and H 2 Berkhamsted 1; Windsor and E 0 B Stortford 1; Worthing 0 Tooting and M 0. Second division: Aldershot 3 Egham 2; Banstead 4 Rainham 1, Collier Row 2 Metropolitan Police 2; Edgware 3 Witham 4, Hampton 1 Newbury 1, Hemel Hempstead 3 S Walden 1, Hungerford 0 Ware 0; Leatherhead 0 Barton 2; Lewes 1 Chertsey 3, Malden V 1 Aveley 1, Thame 0 Tilbury 1. Third division: Bracknell 3 Epsom and E 2; Cheshunt 1 Tring 1, Clapton 2 Horsham 1; E Thurrock 1 Flackwell H 3. Harefield 0 Hertford 0; Harlow 2 Camberley 0; Hornchurch 2 Oxford 1, Kingsbury 1 Southall 2; Northwood 2 Leighton 0; Royston 1 Cove 0.

Scottish League

Premier Division

CELTIC (0) 0 RANGERS (0) 0
47,942

DUNDEE (0) 1 ABERDEEN (1) 1
Dodds 54 — Shearer 3 — 7,655

HEARTS (0) 1 HIBERNIAN (0) 0
Johnston 52 — 17,283

KILMARNCK (0) 0 MOTHERWLL (0) 1
7,555 — McGrillen 66

RAITH (1) 2 PARTICK (1) 2
Dennis 27 Dalziel 60 (pen) — Britton 34 Grant 53 — 3,814

ST JOHNSTNE (0) 1 DUNDEE UTD (0) 1
Torfason 65 — McKinlay 77 — 6,247

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Motherwell	3	0	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	3	1	5
2 Rangers	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	1	5
3 Dundee Utd	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	2	4
4 Aberdeen	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	4
5 Hearts	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
6 Celtic	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	3
7 Partick	3	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
8 Raith	3	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	1	2
9 St Johnstone	3	0	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	1	2
10 Hibernian	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2
11 Kilmarnock	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2
12 Dundee	3	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	1	1

Leading scorers in division: 4 McGrillen (Motherwell), Shearer (Aberdeen), Cameron (Partick).

SENDINGS OFF: Paul Lambert (St Mirren) 3min, off ball; Paul Armstrong (Stirling) 12, handball; Robert Reilly (Stirling) 33, violent conduct; Colin Mitchell (Stirling) 56, handball; Jeff Strachan (Arbroath) 80, 2nd bkg; Raymond Sharp (Dunfermline) 88, 2nd bkg.

ULSTER CUP: Sectional matches: Ballyclare 2 Ards 0; Ballymena 1 Crusaders 1; Carrick 0 Linfield 3; Cliftonville 0 Bangor 4; Distillery 0 Larne 2; Glentoran 3 Coleraine 2; Portadown 5 Omagh 0.

LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor 6 Maesteg Pk 1, Caersws 1 Cwmbran 1, Connah's Q 5 Llanelli 1, Conwy 2 Afan Lido 3, Haverfordwest 1 Flint 2, Holywell 1 Briton F 3, Mold 1 Aberystwyth 3, Newtown 0 Ebbw V 3; Porthmadog 1 Inter Cardiff 2; Ton Pentre 0 Llansantffraid 0

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 0 Tiverton 4, Bristol MF 0 Odd Down 4, Calne 0 Torrington 1, Chippenham 1 Paulton 1; Elmore 1 Liskeard 5, Frome 2 Exmouth 1; Mangotsfld 1 Crediton 1, Saltash 1 Taunton 2, Westbury 3 Minehead 1.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss 3 Chatteris 0; Gorleston 0 Harwich 2; Halstead 3 Watton 1; Haverhill 3 Fakenham 0, March T 0 Felixstowe 3; Newmarket 3 Lowestoft 1, Norwich U 1 Cornard 0; Stowmarket 1 Wisbech 0; Sudbury Wanderers 1 Histon 0, Tiptree 2 Gt Yarmouth 1

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR 1 Rossendale 2, Bradford Pk 1 Salford 4; Clitheroe 1 Blackpool 2; Eastwood Han 2 Prescot 1 Glossop NE 1 Bootle 1; Maine Rd 1 Burscough 6, Nantwich 3 Flixton 1; Newcastle 1 Darwen 3; Penrith 1 Bacup 0; Skelmersdale 0 Chadderton 1, St Helens 2 Kidsgrove 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier Division: Armthorpe 0 Glasshoughton 1, Ashfield 4 Pickering 3, Brigg 1 Lincoln 3, Denaby 2 Ossett A 3, Hucknall 1 Stocksbridge P S 0; N Ferriby 6 Liversedge 1; Ossett T 1 Winterton 0, Pontefract Col 1 Maltby MW 4, Thackley 1 Belper 0

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE. First division: Arsenal 3 Gillingham 1; Charlton 2 Ipswich 3; Leyton O 0 Chelsea 1; Millwall 4 Cambridge U 2, Norwich 4 Southend 2; Portsmouth 1 Fulham 2, Tottenham 1 Watford 0; West Ham 1 QPR 6

First division

AIRDRIE (0) 4 HAMILTON (0) 0
Kirkwood 54 Davenport 75, 87 Lawrence 83 — 2,100

BRECHIN (0) 1 DUNFRMLNE (0) 0
Miller 81 (pen) — 1,050

CLYDE (0) 0 AYR (1) 1
700 — Bryce 44

DUMBARTON (2) 2 CLYDEBANK (2) 4
Gibson 10 Meechan 26 — McIntosh 19 Boyd (og) 23 Jack 66 Eadie 73 — 1,597

FALKIRK (1) 2 STIRLING (0) 0
Duffy 13 Cadette 54 — 4,186

ST MIRREN (1) 2 MORTON (0) 2
Lavety 41 McWhirter 87 — Donnaghy 50 Doak 62 — 4,000

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Falkirk	3	2	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	5	1	6
2 Airdrie	3	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	6
3 Clydebank	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	6	2	6
4 Ayr	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	4
5 Hamilton	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	5	3
6 Dumbarton	3	1	0	1	5	4	0	0	1	0	2	2
7 Stirling	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	4	2
8 Brechin	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	2
9 St Mirren	3	0	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	2
10 Clyde	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	3	2
11 Morton	3	0	0	1	1	5	0	1	1	3	4	1
12 Dunfermline	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	4	0

Leading scorers in division: 4 Davenport (Airdrie), Duffy (Falkirk)

Second division

ALBION (1) 2 QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0
Kerrigan 41, 59 — 311

ALLOA (0) 0 EAST STIRLING (0) 0
415

ARBROATH (0) 1 FORFAR (0) 1
Martin 85 — Donaldson 61 — 1,034

COWDNBTH (1) 1 EAST FIFE (1) 2
Henderson 44 — Scott 12 Reilly 71 — 891

MEADWBNK (1) 1 BERWICK (1) 1
Price 44 — Coughlin 37 — 300

MONTROSE (0) 2 STENHSEMUIR (0) 0
Grant 45 McKenna 74 — 539

QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 0 STRANRAER (1) 1
1,650 — Henderson 22

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 East Fife	3	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	3	1	6
2 Forfar	3	1	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	4	1	5
3 Montrose	3	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	2	5
4 Queen Of Sth	3	1	0	1	5	3	1	0	0	5	2	4
5 Stranraer	3	0	0	1	2	4	2	0	0	4	1	4
6 Alloa	3	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
7 Meadowbank	3	0	1	1	2	4	1	0	0	2	1	3
8 East Stirling	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	3	3	3
9 Cowdenbeath	3	0	0	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	2
10 Arbroath	3	0	1	1	3	6	0	1	0	0	0	2
11 Stenhousemuir	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	5	2
12 Albion	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	3	2
13 Berwick	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	1
14 Queen's Park	3	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	2	2	7	0

Leading scorers in division: 4 Grant (Montrose), Henderson (Cowdenbth), Henderson (Stranraer).

BELGIUM: Cercle Brugge 2 Antwerp 4, Ostend 2 Club Brugge 2; Ghent 2 Waregem 2; Ekeren 0 Beveren 0, St Liege 0 RWD Molenbeek 1; Lierse 3 Genk 1, Lommel 0 Seraing 3; Anderlecht 6 RC Liege 0; Charleroi 1 Mechelen 0

GERMANY: B Moenchengladbach 2 Nuremberg 0; B Dortmund 3 Freiburg 2; Duisburg 2 VfB Stuttgart 2; E Frankfurt 1 Kaiserslautern 0; Hamburg 4 Schalke 1, Wattenscheid 1 B Leverkusen 2; Cologne 2 Karlsruhe 1.

HOLLAND: Roda JC Kerkrade 2 FC Volendam 0, Sp Rotterdam 1 Willem II Tilburg 0, RKC Waalwijk 1 FC Twente Enschede 3, FC Utrecht 1 Amsterdam Ajax 4, PSV Eindhoven 3 Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0, C Leeuwarden 1 NAC Breda 3

ITALY: Super Cup: Inter Milan 1 Torino 0

PORTUGAL: Sporting 2 Salgueiros 1.

SWITZERLAND: Kriens 1 Neuchatel Xamax 1, Servette 1 Grasshopper 3, Sion 3 Lucerne 0; Young Boys 3 Lugano 0; Yverdon 0 Lausanne 1, FC Zurich 3 Aarau 1

POOLS CHECK

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... dividends will be cancelled

Fanelli escapes serious injury in crash

FROM PETER BRYAN
IN HAMAR, NORWAY

A CRASH at high speed in cycling's fastest race, behind motorcycles making the pace, overshadowed the closing day of competition at the world track championships here yesterday.

Antonio Fanelli, of Italy, was following his pacer, Walter Corradin, at 50mph in the first of two final 30km races when the 400cc motorcycle went too high on the banking.

The pacer appeared to misjudge his position and a roller fitted on the machine to prevent the rider crashing should he hit it scraped the fence surrounding the track. The impact threw off Corradin and Fanelli was unable to avoid man and machine, somersaulting along the track with his feet still strapped to the pedals.

Both rider and pacer escaped serious injury; Fanelli's clothing was in shreds and he suffered burns and lacerations to much of his body. Corradin was protected by the leather suit obligatory for pacers.

The final was halted for an hour while carpenters replaced small sections of the track. Once officials declared the track safe, the final was rerun and Fanelli and Corradin received an ovation as they went to the starting line.

The crash was the last of a series in this 100th running of the championships in which amateurs and professionals have raced against each other for the first time.

The most serious incident happened on Saturday, near the end of the keirin final, an event in which riders are paced by a small motor cycle for the opening five laps before being left to fight out the sprint.

The holder, Michael Hübner, of Germany, and Erik Schoefs, of Belgium, collided before falling heavily. Both suffered broken collar-bones and Hübner bad abrasions. The race was won by Gary Neiwand, of Australia, who the previous day had taken Hübner's sprint title.

☐ Chris Lillywhite and Malcolm Elliott will lead Britain's challenge in the world professional road race championship in Norway on August 29.

BRITISH TEAM: G Coltman (Raleigh, Leicester), A Doyle (Nelson-Tivoli, Lighweaer, Surrey), M Elliott (Chevrolet-LA Sheriff, Sheffield), C Lillywhite (Banana, Walton-on-Thames), R Millar (TVM, Glasgow), B Smith (Banana, Glasgow), J Tanner (Nelson-Tivoli, Sheffield).

Triumphs must not silence alarm bells

MIKE POWELL/ALLSPORT



Regis, one of Britain's standard-bearers at the world athletics championships in Stuttgart with medals in the 200 metres and 4 x 100 metres



David Miller believes the British athletics authorities must change tack in order to build for the future

The spectacular success of the fourth world championships, including the brilliance of Christie, Gunnell and Jackson, has helped camouflage the sizeable, and different, dilemmas confronting the immediate and long-term future of athletics. The triumphs of the past week are no more the guarantee of a future generation of British sprint medal-winners than were Coe, Ovett and Cram of another phase of middle-distance stars.

The problems are two-fold, financial and physical, and the first predominantly creates the second. A statement this week by Don Quarrie, the former Olympic champion from Trinidad, on behalf of the International Association of Athletes' Representatives, confirmed that the power-struggle for prize-money for the 1995 championships in Gothenburg will intensify. And as prize-money rises, so do injuries.

Moreover, unless the world championship situation is resolved, the conflagration will damagingly spread to the Olympic Games. Uncomfortable times lie ahead.

The lessons from Stuttgart are as clear afterwards as were the alarms beforehand. Britain may have had its best medal haul in equal fourth, but in the background have been such as Grindley, Black and Backley breaking down in what Frank Dick, the chief national coach, terms the "package of stress". The future is dependent, Dick warns, on the minefield of competitive opportunity not compromising performance development.

A biennial championships may for the moment have appeared worthwhile, but the workload — or pay incentive — for competitors is less than advantageous for performance; witness the relative decline in former Olympic champions such as Quincy Watts, William Tanui, Dieter Baumann, Mike Marsh and Khalid Skah.

The threat is uniform for European countries in particular. The coaches of Germany and Italy, normally strong athletic countries, have been unanimous: unless the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) and European Association tackle and rationalise the problem of over-competing, many countries with limited numbers of competitors will not be able to produce worthy teams at major championships.

Only those with large populations, such as the United States and China, will collectively survive the stresses being placed upon individuals. It will become the same, Dick forecasts, with China's middle and long-distance runners.

The calendar schedule, unlikely to be reduced by the IAAF because of a combination of greed and need — and its new ability to fund the participation of minor countries — remains beyond the athletes' influence. They have to decide two things: whether they want to be good, whether they want to be rich, and in which order. If they make the second of these the priority, they may fail in the first. Or both. They must pursue performance before money.

To be successful will almost certainly produce the money, and these championships have demonstrated to the British Athletics Federation, I hope beyond doubt, what its forerunner, the British Board, was so often reluctant to concede: that elite performers need elite treatment.

The responsibility for the production line has now, critically, passed from Andy Norman, the chief promotions officer, to Dick and it will be important that Dick utilises the scope now given to him.

Norman did indeed have too much work and, of a kind, power; the power to determine who did and did not receive the right overseas competition. The debate, never mind Norman's uncanny judgement of ability over 20 years, was whether he was always dispassionately projecting the right athletes. Dick, if anyone, should have that dispassionate ability, though none can deny the colossal contribution by Norman, who is now free to concentrate on generating the money and the events.

"The medals we have won are a reflection of being able to send athletes for warm winter training, and with the right coaches," Dick says. "We have to be able to make that happen. We've done well this time, but we would do better if we looked after the elite performers even better. That may mean financial compensation for *not* chasing competitive income in order to get the right preparatory schedule. It's time we had a policy."

If Britain does not sustain similar success as this week at the top, the sport will not produce the finance to support the development of the next generation, which includes eight gold medal-winners in the recent European Junior championships. Dick is therefore devising an elite coaches' workshop, meeting every two months to pool research and ideas.

GRAY MORTIMORE/ALLSPORT



Gunnell, who struck gold in the 400 metres hurdles

Australia restore order to balance of power

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE eclipse of the world order in rugby union, threatened when South Africa won the first of their three internationals with Australia last month, finally came to nothing in the Sydney Football Stadium on Saturday. The Australians won the third international 19-12 and — for only the second time in 60 years — the series 2-1 against a South African team which now, though, knows far more about itself and its future.

Their tour has thrown up some intriguing questions about the laws for which Australian administrators have expressed such enthusiasm. How is it, for example, that as inventive a team as the Wallabies could dominate the second half of Saturday's match yet score only one try against two by the South Africans who, over the series, scored seven tries to four?

Admittedly, Tim Horan's try was a classic but, even so, it took the vision and skill of David Campese's floated midfield pass to make it happen and no other team possesses a Campese. Moreover, in the dying stages of a match where Australia took control of lineout and loose ball, South Africa might have run in a try (which, with the conversion, would have forced a draw) but for a stupid obstruction by James Small on Campese which conceded a penalty.

The South African coach, Ian McIntosh, has clearly worked hard on his side's defence and the overall pace of his forwards; more fine tuning will take place when the South Africans play Argentina this autumn and England, who tour South Africa next May, will be the first to examine the results.

If Australia had a shaky start to their international year — defeat in the Bledisloe Cup match in Dunedin and against South Africa — it must be remembered that they were without three players of proven world class: Michael Lynagh, John Eales and Willie Ofahengaue. How many other countries could lose players of such stature and not wobble?

Nick Farr-Jones has nursed a youngster of undoubted potential, Scott Bowen, into international rugby and more will surely be seen of him when the Australians arrive in France in October.

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LEGAL NOTICES

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 351 WEST END LANE, LONDON, ENGLAND and its buildings, easements, attachments, fixtures, appurtenances and improvements, Defendant. — Case No. C 93-1600-WHO — NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 27th day of May, 1993, the defendant real property was arrested on behalf of the United States Marshals Service for the Northern District of California, pursuant to a Warrant of Arrest of Property in Rem issued by the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, in the above entitled suit for forfeiture, brought under the provisions of 21 U.S.C 5881

A Government forfeiture complaint has been filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. The case number of the said action is C 93-1600-WHO.

All persons claiming any right, title, or interest in or to the real property are hereby notified to file a claim within ten (10) days of this notice and to file an answer to the complaint within twenty (20) days thereafter, with the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, 16th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 and serve a copy of the claim and/or answer upon the United States Attorney's Office, Attention: Jonathan R. Howden, Assistant United States Attorney, 10th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102, in order to show cause, if any there be, why the defendant real property should not be decreed against and forfeited to the United States, and that all right, title and interest be vested in the United States of America

Dated: June 3, 1993

JOHN A. MENDEZ
United States Attorney
JONATHAN R. HOWDEN
Assistant United States Attorney

Re: R & S INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Tuesday the 7th September 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A. Segal & Co., Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m and 4.00 p.m. as from Friday 3rd September 1993.

Dated this 19th day of August 1993.
A C CAUSTON, Director.

Notice of Administration Order ANGLOPAC PLASTICS LIMITED
An Administration order was made on 17.8.1993, T J Brannigan (Administrator)

COLESLAW 195 LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company held at 10am on 17th August 1993 a Special Resolution was duly passed authorising a payment of £8,282.57 out of the Company's capital as defined in Sections 170 to 172 of the Companies Act 1985 for the purchase by the Company of 22,500 11% 'B' Preference Shares of £1 each from N.A. Clarke for the aggregate price of £8,282.57.

The amount of the Permissable capital payment as defined in Sections 170 to 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £8,282.57.

The statutory declaration and auditors' report required by Sections 173 to 174 of the Companies Act 1985, both dated 17th August 1993, are available at the Company's registered office at Apex Plaza, Forbury Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1AX.

Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Sections 176 to 177 of the Companies Act 1985 within a period of 5 weeks immediately following 17th August 1993 for an order prohibiting the payment

Dated 19th August 1993

LEGAL NOTICES

Mount Banking Corporation Limited (In Administration)
NOTICE TO ALL DEPOSITORS WHO HOLD ACCOUNTS AT MOUNT BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION) ("MOUNT")

The Administrators in their capacity as such and as Supervisors hereby give notice that at the meetings of all creditors and shareholders of Mount held on 9 August 1993 the proposal for a company voluntary arrangement ("CVA") was formally approved without modification

In order to enable the Supervisors to make distributions in accordance with the terms of the CVA you are required to submit details of your claim against Mount and to make an election either to receive any distribution in cash or to leave the distribution as a continuing deposit at Mount. If the distribution is left as a deposit at Mount the distribution will benefit from the security arrangements described in the CVA.

The security arrangements have been designed to ensure that depositors who elect to maintain their deposit at Mount are not put in a worse position than those who elect to receive any distribution in cash. This is to be achieved by Mount paying amounts equivalent to the distribution entitlement of those depositors who elect to maintain their deposit at Mount into separate bank accounts with one or more of the major United Kingdom clearing banks on the date of the relevant distribution. These deposits will be the subject of a security interest granted by Mount in favour of a security trustee who will hold the benefit of security for the benefit of those depositors who elect to leave the amount of the distribution as a continuing deposit at Mount. The security arrangements are governed by the provisions of the Security Trust Deed and the relevant Fixed Charge, copies of which are available for collection from Mount.

In order to lodge your claim and to make the election you must complete and return the Supervisors a Notice of Claim.

If you do not complete and return a Notice of Claim the amount of your claim will be deemed to be the amount inserted in the Notice of Claim by the Supervisors and you will be deemed to have no other claims against Mount whatsoever. You will also automatically be deemed to have elected that any distribution will be retained as a continuing deposit at Mount.

Any claim determined in accordance with the above shall be binding upon you notwithstanding the subsequent termination of the CVA.

Notices of Claim are available for collection from Mount, at 5 Mount Street, Mayfair, London W1Y 5AA, and should be completed and returned to the Supervisors by 6 September 1993. You are strongly urged to obtain and complete a Notice of Claim

Date: 17 August 1993
P W Wallace, one of the Supervisors under the CVA

VERBY PRINT FOR ADVERTISING LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the creditors of Verby Print for Advertising Limited will be held at Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London, WC1V 6HZ, on Thursday the 26th day of August 1993 at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes provided for in Sections 99, 100 and 101.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, during business hours on the 24th and 25th days of August 1993 at the offices of Begbie Nelson & Partners, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London, WC1V 6HZ.

Dated this 18th day of August 1993
By Order of the Board
MICHAEL VERBY, Director

ProTeam Developments Limited
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 27th September 1993, to send their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debt or claim and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Jamie Taylor of Moores Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated 16th August 1993
Jamie Taylor, Liquidator.

Colourbox Graphics Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Chantrey Vellacott, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5LF on 31st August 1993 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge at Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5LF between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.

Dated 20 August 1993
By Order of the Board
DAVID HUNT, Director

IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE
NO 008999 OF 1992
Notice of appointment of liquidator
Compulsory winding up
Pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2277244.
Company Name: The Swiftwater Group Limited.
Nature of business: Electronic engineering. Address of registered office: 65 High Street Crawley West Sussex RH10 1BQ.
Type of Liquidation: Compulsory.
Liquidator: D L Morgan 65 High Street Crawley West Sussex
Office holder no: 2362. Date of appointment: 20 January 1993.
Date: 13 August 1993.

Proteam Developments Ltd
AND The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN having provided written statements that he is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and that he consents so to act, was appointed liquidator of the Company.
Dated the 13th August 1993
Mark Antrian Johnson
Andrew Robert Selby, Directors.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TO the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of West Central, Hampstead Magistrates' Court, The Court House, 66 Downshire Hill, Hampstead, London NW3.
TO the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, Hampstead Police Station, 26½ Rosslyn Hill, London NW3.
TO the Town Clerk of the London Borough of Camden, Town Hall, Euston Road, London NW1
TO the Chief Officer L.F.C.D.A., 5/6 City Forum, City Road, London EC1V 2NY.

I, IAN STRUTTON now residing at 3 Penpath Place, Wembley, Middlesex, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Managing Director, do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said District to be held at First Floor, 185 Marylebone Road, London N.W.1. on the 7th day of September 1993 for the grant to me of a Justices' Licence authorising me to sell by Wholesale, wine liquor of all descriptions for consumption ON the premises situate at Kenwood House, Hampstead Lane, London N.W.3, and to be known by the sign of THE BREWHOUSE RESTAURANT of which premises English Heritage is the owner.

And it is my intention to apply to the Justices to insert in such Justices' Licence the conditions required for it to be granted as a Restaurant Licence.

DATED the 23rd day of July 1993
Hodders of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4UD.
Solicitors and Agents for the Applicant.

RESULTS FROM STUTTGART

Men

1,500 metres

Final

1, N Morceli (Alg), 3:34.24; 2, F Cacho (Sp), 3:35.56; 3, A Bile (Somalia), 3:35.86; 4, M Suleiman (Qatar), 3:36.87; 5, J Spivey (US), 3:37.42; 6, M Yates (GB), 3:37.81; 7, R El Basir (Mor), 3:37.88; 8, M Taki (Mor), 3:37.76, 9, S Doyle (Aus), 3:38.04; 10, R Stenzel (Ger), 3:38.66; 11, M Pancorbo (Sp), 3:39.68; 12, G Di Napoli (It), 3:47.38.

10,000 metres

Final

1, H Gebrselasie (Eth), 27min 46.02sec; 2, M Tanui (Ken), 27:46.54; 3, R Chelimo (Ken), 28:08.02; 4, S Franks (Ger), 28:10.69; 5, A Nzigama (Burundi), 28:13.43, 6, F Panetta (It), 28:27.05, 7, T Williams (US), 28:30.49; 8, A Sito (Arg), 28:36.48; 9, G Silva (Mex), 28:39.47; 10, W Sigei (Ken), 28:54.39; 11, A Serrano (Sp), 29:04.10; 12, S Antibo (It), 29:10.83; 13, B Akonnay (Tan), 29.15.13; 14, A Quintanilla (Mex), 29:32.14, 15, T Hayashima (Jpn), 29:46.70; 16, J Carlos Arden (Sp), 30:04.34; 17, D Nelson (US), 30:41.72. Did not finish: R Vera (Ecu); F Bayessa (Eth); O Strizhakov (Russ).

3,000 metres steeplechase

Final

1, M Kiptanui (Ken), 8:05.36; 2, P Sang (Ken), 8:07.53; 3, A Lambruschini (It), 8:08.78; 4, M Birir (Ken), 8:09.42; 5, M Croghan (US), 8:09.76; 6, S Brand (Ger), 8:15.33, 7, L Khattabi (Mor), 8:17.86; 8, A Carosi (It), 8:23.42; 9, S Creighton (Aus), 8:23.45, 10, M Buchleitner (Austria), 8:25.88, 11, M Davis (US), 8:28.74; 12, R Vera (Uru), 8:29.00; 13, A Sahere (Mor), 8:29.65; 14, M Strega (Ger), 8:34.31; 15, T Hanlon (GB), 8:45.82. Did not finish: A Brahmi (Alg).

4 x 100 metres relay

First round

First three in each heat plus overall four fastest losers qualify for semi-finals

HEAT ONE: 1, Ivory Coast, 38.77sec; 2, Great Britain, 38.80; 3, Sweden, 39.32; 4, Japan, 39.40; 5, Switzerland, 39.48 6, New Zealand, 39.77

HEAT TWO: 1, Canada, 38.86; 2, France, 38.94; 3, Ghana, 39.01; 4, Spain, 39.44; 5, Trinidad and Tobago, 40.24. Disqualified: Russia.

HEAT THREE: 1, United States, 38.12; 2, Australia, 39.04, 3, Greece, 39.91; 4, Sierra Leone, 40.98; 5, Netherlands Antilles, 42.20. Did not start: Senegal Jamaica.

HEAT FOUR: 1, Cuba, 38.66; 2, Germany, 38.90; 3, Italy, 39.37; 4, Mexico, 39.79; 5, Thailand, 40.12; 6, Barbados, 40.24.

Semi-finals

First four in each heat qualify for final

HEAT ONE: 1, United States, 37.40 (equals world record); 2, Canada, 37.99; 3, Great Britain, 38.05; 4, Australia 38.46, 5, Ghana, 38.61; 6, Greece, 39.00; 7, Japan, 39.01; 8, New Zealand, 39.83.

HEAT TWO: 1, France, 38.52; 2, Germany, 38.59, 3, Cuba, 38 73; 4, Sweden, 38.96; 5, Ivory Coast, 38.97; 6, Spain, 39.17; 7, Switzerland, 40.39. Disqualified: Italy.

Final

1, United States, (J Drummond, A Cason, D Mitchell, L Burrell), 37.48; 2, Great Britain, (C Jackson, T Jarrett, J Regis, L Christie), 37.77, 3, Canada, (R Esmie, G Gilbert, B Surin, A Mahorn), 37.83; 4, Cuba, 38.39, 5, Australia, 38.86; 6, Germany, 38.78; 7, Ivory Coast, 38.82; 8, Sweden, 39.22.

4 x 400 metres relay

Heats

First two in each heat plus overall two fastest losers qualify for final

HEAT ONE: 1, Germany, 3:01.28, 2, Bulgaria, 3:01.61; 3, Jamaica, 3:01 70; 4, Great Britain, 3:02.15; 5, New Zealand, 3:05.84; 6, Thailand, 3:08.61.

HEAT TWO: 1, United States, 2:58.72; 2, France, 3:01 70; 3, Japan, 3:02.43; 4, Algeria, 3:03.63; 5, Mexico, 3:08.37. Did not start: Trinidad and Tobago.

HEAT THREE: 1, Kenya, 3:00 82; 2, Cuba, 3:01.36, 3, Russia, 3.01.51; 4, Italy, 3:01.85; 5, Nigeria, 3:02.84. Did not start: Uganda.

Final

1, United States (A Valmon, O Watts, B Reynolds, M Johnson), 2:54.29 (world record), 2, Kenya (K Ochieng, S Kembol, A Matitu, S Kiur), 2:59.82; 3, Gemany (R Lieder, K Just, O Hense, T Schonlebe), 2:59.99; 4, France, 3:00.09; 5, Russia, 3:00.44; 6, Cuba, 3:00.48; 7, Jamaica, 3:01.44; 8, Bulgoria, 3:05.35.

50 kilometres walk

1, J A Garcia (Sp), 3hr 41min 41sec; 2, V Kononen (Fin), 3:42.02; 3, V Solsyn (Russ), 3:42.50; 4, A Noack (Ger), 3:43 50; 5, B Labrador (Sp), 3:46.46; 6, R Piller (Fr), 3 48.57; 7, T Berrett (Can), 3:50.23, 8, C Mercenario (Mex), 3:50.53; 9, J-C Corre (Fr), 3:51 51; 10, S Korepanov (Kaz), 3:52 50; 11, V Ginko (Belarus), 3:53 41; 12, G Sanchez (Mex), 3.54.07; 13, G Perricelli (It), 3.54.30, 14, S Belas (Aus), 3 57.11; 15, M Quiriconi (It), 3:57.33; 16, V Smirnov (Russ), 3:58.20; 17, A Marin (Sp), 3:58 45; 18, S Malik (Slo), 4:01.26; 19, J Matthews (US), 4:02.52, 20, F Imamura (Jpn), 4:03.22. GB placing: 23, L Morton, 4:06.56

High jump

Final

1, J Sotomayor (Cuba) 2.40m; 2, A Partyka (Pol), 2.37; 3, S Smith (GB), 2.37; 4, R Sonn (Ger), 2.34; 5, T Kemp (Bah), 2.34; 6, H Conway (US), 2.34; 7, A Ortiz (Sp), 2.31; 8, T Barton (US), 2.31; 9, T Forsyth (Aus), 2.28; 10, O Zhukovsky (Belarus), 2.28; 11, JC Gloquet (Fr), 2.25 and R Ruffini (Sle), 2.25.

Shot

Final

1, W Guenthoer (Switz), 21.97m; 2, R Barnes (US), 21.80; 3, M Stulca (US), 20.94; 4, A Bergach (Ukr), 20.40, 5, Y Palchitkov (Russ), 20.05; 6, D Peric (Yugo), 19.85; 7, G Well (Chile), 19 95, 8, S Budar (Ger), 19.74; 9, J Reinhardt (Ger), 19 53; 10, K Toth (US), 19.52; 11, K Larsson (Swe), 19.12, 12, M Martinez (Sp), 18.03

Women

1,500 metres

Final

1, Liu Dong (China) 4min 00.50sec; 2, S O'Sullivan (Ire), 4:03.46; 3, H Boulmerka (Alg), 4:04.29; 4, Lu Yi (China), 4:06.06, 5, A Chalmers (Can), 4:07.95, 6, T Kest (Austria), 4:08.04; 7, A Brzezinska (Pol), 4:08.11; 8, F Trabaldo (It), 4:09.23; 9, V Beckes (Rom), 4:08 57; 10, Yan Wei (China), 4.09.05; 11, C Sacramento (Por), 4:09.15, 12, M Zuniga (Sp), 4:10.75; 13, L Rogachova (Russ), 4.12.14, 14, L Pels (Can), 4:13 87, 15, O Mernikova (Belarus), 4:18.93.

10,000 metres

Final

1, Wang Junxia (China), 30min 49.30sec; 2, Zhong Huandi (China), 31:12.55; 3, S Barsosio (Ken), 31:15.38; 4, T Lorupe (Ken), 31:29.91; 5, L Jennings (US), 31:30.53; 6, C Ferreira (Por), 31:30.60, 7, A Dias (Por), 31.33.03; 8, A Marie Letko (US), 31:37.26, 9, U Pippig (Ger), 31:38.97; 10, F Ribeiro (Por), 31:40.51; 11, C De Oliveira (Br), 31:47.76, 12, M Guida (It), 32:15.34; 13, K Wessel (Ger), 32:27.38; 14, O Appell (Mex), 32:32 51, 15, N Yoshida (Jpn), 32:35.44; 16, I Nagura (Rom), 32:40.61; 17, I Maki (Jpn), 32:53.41; 18, R Murcia (Fr), 32:54 65; 19, S Ciric (Yugo), 33:26 72; 20, I Juarez (Mex), 33:28 47; 21, E Van Blunk (US), 33:42.85; 22, G Karlshoj (Den), 33:58.58 Did not finish: C McKiernan (Ire), P Tilden an (Fin), E Meyer (SA).

4 x 100 metres relay

First round

First three in each heat plus overall four fastest losers qualify for semi-finals

HEAT ONE: 1, Ivory Coast, 39.77secs; 2, Great Britain, 39.80; 3, Sweden, 39.32; 4, Japan 39.40; 5, Switzerland, 39.46; 6, New Zealand, 39.77.

HEAT TWO: 1, Canada, 38.86; 2, France, 38.94; 3, Ghana, 39.01; 4, Spain, 39.44; 5, Trinidad and Tobago, 40.24. Disqualified: Russia.

HEAT THREE: 1, United States, 38 12; 2, Australia,39.04; 3, Greece, 39.91; 4, Sierra Leone, 40.98; 5, Netherlands Antilles, 42.20.

HEAT FOUR: 1, Cuba, 38.66; 2, Germany, 38.90; 3, Italy,39 37; 4, Mexico, 39.79; 5, Thailand, 40.12; 6, Barbados, 40.24.

Semi-finals

First three in each heat plus overall two fastest losers qualify for final

HEAT ONE: 1, United States, 42.34, 2, Jamaica, 42.40; 3, Germany, 42.61, 4, Finland, 43.83, 5, Tawian, 44.59; 6, Thailand, 44.85.

HEAT TWO: 1, Russia, 42.39, 2, Cuba, 43.48; 3, Great Britain, 43.65, 4, Canada, 44.36. Disqualified: France.

Final

1, Russia (O Bogoslovskaya, G Melchugina, N Vorconkva, I Privalova), 41.49; 2, United States, (M Finn, G Torrence, W Vereen, G Davara), 41.49, 3, Jamaica, (M Freeman, J Campbell, N Mitchell, M Otley), 41.96; 4, France, 42.67, 5, Germany, 42 78; 6, Cuba, 42.89; 7, Finland, 43 37, 8, Great Britain, (Richardson, Kinch, Jacobs, Thomas) 43.86.

4 x 400 metres relay

Heats

First three in each heat plus overall two fastest losers qualify for final

HEAT ONE: 1, Jamaica, 3.23.82; 2, Russia, 3:24 67; 3, Czech Republic, 3.29.25; 4, Switzerland, 3:29 67, 5, Ukraine, 3:30.37 Did not finish: Cuba. Did not start: Canada.

HEAT TWO: 1, United States, 3:24 08; 2, Great Britain, 3:27.04, 3, Germany, 3:27 44; 4, France, 3:28 62; 5, Nigeria, 3.33.12; 6, Portugal, 3:34.76, 7, Spain, 3:38.61.

Final

1, United States (G Torrence, M Malone, N Kaiser-Brown, J Miles) 3 16.71; 2, Russia (Y Ruzina, T Alekseyeva, M Ponomaryova, I Privalova), 3:18.38; 3, Great Britain (L Keough, P Smith, T Goddard, S Gunnell), 3:23.42; 4, Jamaica, 3:23 83; 5, Germany, 3.25.48, 6, France, 3.27.06, 7, Czech Republic, 3.27.94, 8, Switzerland, 3:28.52.

High jump

Final

1, I Quintero (Cuba), 1.99m, 2, S Costa (Cuba), 1.97, 3, S Kirchmann (Austria), 1.97; 4 Y Rodina (Russ), 1.94 and G Astafei (Rom), 1.94; 6, A Bevilacqua (It), 1.94; 7, T Hughes (US), 1.91, 8, V Golovska (Lat), 1.91; 9 K Majchbrzak (Pol), 1.88 and H Haugland (Nor), 1.88; 11 S Zalevskaya (Kazi, 1.88, Y Topchina (Russ), 1.88 and B Bilac (Slo), 1.88. Did not start: H Henkel (Ger)

Triple jump

Final

1, A Biryukova (Russ), 15.09m (world record); 2, Y Chen (Russ), 14 70; 3, I Prondzheva (Bul), 14.23; 4, N Monzubo (Cuba), 14.22, 5, H Reddie (Ger), 14.19; 6, A Capnotti (It), 14.18; 7, S Kasparkova (Cz Rep), 14.16; 8, U Wlodarczyk (Pol), 13 80; 9, M Griffith (GB), 13 69; 10, J Blazevica (Lat), 13 57, 11, L Nihova (Austria), 13.30, 12, M Toth (Rom), 12.87 No mark recorded: I Lasovskaya (Russ).

Javelin

Qualifying

62.00 metres or best twelve qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Group one: 1, T Hatlestad (Nor), 68 52m; 2, T Shikolenko (Belarus), 63 22, 3, F Tilea (Rom), 62 90; 4, H Rantanen (Fin), 60.56, 5, K Forkel (Ger), 60 54; 6, A Selenska (Bul), 58 74

Group two: 1, Y Ivakina (Russ), 62.90; 2, S Renk (Ger), 62.88, 3, N Shikolenko (Belarus), 62.06, 4, T Nekrosaite (Lith), 61 02; 5, C Isaila (Rom), 59.88; 6, S Nerius (Ger), 59.68

Final

1, T Hatlestad (Nor), 69.18, 2, K Forkel (Ger), 65 80; 3, N Shikolenko (Belarus), 65.84, 4, T Shikolenko (Belarus), 65.18; 5, Y Ivakina (Russ), 65 12; 6, S Renk (Ger), 64.00; 7, C Isaila (Rom), 61.54; 8, F Tilea (Rom), 61 24; 9, S Nerius (Ger) 60 26, 10, A Selenska (Bul) 58 82; 11, H Rantanen (Fin) 53.14. No mark recorded: T. Nekrosaite (Lith).

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Dramatic lessons in brevity

THEATRE: Fringe shows prove the value of concision, says **Benedict Nightingale**

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

On bad days you might think that the Edinburgh Festival was the Fringe, and the Fringe was a vast, all-consuming sprawl consisting almost entirely of psychotic comedians, one-person plays about famous actors and actresses, and go-getting young companies with their eyes on fame and fortune in London. But even on bad days you would have to make one concession. With some punters wanting to pack six, seven, eight visits to the theatre into a single day, and the theatres responding with a frantic turnover of offerings, plays seldom last more than 90 minutes. Succinctness and brevity are forgotten virtues, and the place our playwrights are relearning them is, maybe, the Fringe.

Take almost everything I have seen there this year. Take, for instance, Arthur Smith's **Sod** (at the Pleasance), which achieves more in 75 minutes than some plays do in 150. Even the title manages simultaneously to be curt and suggestive — though quite what it is suggesting is not obvious in advance. Is this an environmentally caring piece about the soil? Is it a one-man show in which the Marquess of Queensberry pithily denounces Oscar Wilde? Or could it be a comedy about Murphy's first cousin, Sod — the chap with the law about everything going wrong?

None of those quite. It involves a remarkably unremarkable man — "if he isn't there, you can't remember if he has a moustache or not" — who responds to a neglectful world by withdrawing into his personalised oubliette. Frank Bagley digs a hole in his lawn, and goes to live inside, breathing through a pipe. The result is teasing and often very funny, rather as if a Beckett character had set up ontological shop in Mike Leigh's suburbia.

Every member of Nigel Cole's fine cast has his or her explanation of this conduct. Frank is an aspiring saddhu, a sage in search of perfect stillness. He is an adventurous soul trying to break the Guinness buried-alive record. He is a lovable English eccentric, and "an old nutter". The situation allows Smith to bring on the curious and the pushy, neighbours and relatives, down to Frank's nine-year-old son, a hilarious portrait of callow bravado. I liked the piece more than Smith's *Evening with Gary Lineker*; and because of its greater sharpness and wit, not just because it is over in a relative twinkling.

Meanwhile, the three genial Yanks who call themselves the *Reduced Shakespeare Company* are at the Assembly Rooms, poking as much fun at their native country as they did at the Bard. After their *Complete Works of W.S. (Abridged)* comes **The Complete History of America (Abridged)**, in which the targets include Ronald Reagan, political correctness, Indian culture (the Dance of the Antelope's Intestines), witch-hunts, Dwems, gangster movies, cowboys, the Founding Fathers (complete with Bill of Wrongs, such as not leaving lavatory seats up after urinating), patriotism, conspiracy theorists and cults: "Did you know there's a group of dyslexic devil-worshippers in the Adirondacks who have sold their souls to Satan?"

They have their silly-ass moments, but I found myself enjoying even those more than some of the earnest offerings to be found elsewhere. At any rate, the adaptation of **Death in Venice** which Red Shift has brought to the Assembly Rooms left me colder than the version of Virginia Woolf's *Orlando* the same company gave the Fringe last year, even though Jonathan Holloway's production has similar simplicity and flow. Maybe my problem was too strong a memory of Dirk Bogarde serenely giving up the ghost as the angelic Tadzio frolicked in the sea. Michael Sheldon, Red Shift's Aschenbach, has a flummoxed, jumpy quality in some ways nearer the writer Thomas Mann actually created; but he might be appearing in Death in Potters Bar, given the degree of the longing and the depth of the rapture he exudes.

A somewhat similar reductionism marks Paul McVeigh's **Man from the North** (Hill Street), which Scarecrow Theatre has brought from Belfast. The inspiration is Synge's *Playboy of the Western World*, in which a boy who falsely claims to have killed his father is lionised by the villagers with whom he finds refuge. To transform him into a failed IRA man is fair enough — but where is the high excitement, the erotic glee his deeds provoke in the original? With that missing, and contemporary verbal plod replacing Synge's peasant poetry, the play seems conventional as well as downbeat.

Still, Gwyneth Powell's performance in **The Provincial Lady Goes To Town** (Assembly Rooms) restores the spirits. Adapted by the actress herself from the novels of E.M. Delafield, this is a one-woman play about a 1930s writer pulled one way by the demands of domesticity, the other by a burgeoning career. It stutters slightly when London literati are the subject, but, when Powell is back in her village with her monosyllabic husband and patronising neighbours, it is touching and funny. Oh yes, and short too.

TOM KIDD



Arthur Smith's short play, Sod, at the Pleasance is teasing and often very funny, rather as if a Beckett character had set up ontological shop in Mike Leigh's suburbia

TELEVISION REVIEW

Norman's wit and wisdom

Most **South Bank Shows** eschew the expert commentator: the formula is celebrity interview (Melvyn Bragg) with supporting footage, and that's that. So it was quite startling in Nigel Watts's interesting profile of Norman Wisdom last night (ITV) suddenly to witness a bespectacled film historian analysing Wisdom's famous music hall persona (the upturned cloth cap, the tight jacket buttoned just below the chin), known to his fans as "the Gump". The Gump "regularly failed to recognise class authority", this historian pointed out; also there were many hilarious (!) scenes in his films when the Gump naively misunderstood a set of instructions.

Such insights were useful enough, especially when illustrated by clips from such Rank Fifties favourites as *Trouble in Store* and *The Bulldog Breed*: but they omitted the main thing that was staring you in the face. The Gump was not a "berk", as Wisdom said: the Gump (even the name makes you think of Dickens) was a poor little orfling in a charity suit he's grown out of. No, the expert required by the *South Bank Show* was not a film historian, it was Anthony Clare.

It was an enjoyable and surprising programme, nevertheless. With Wisdom's brand of comedy currently as unfashionable as his day-wear, one had forgotten how brilliant a clown he was. That the ability to rumble head-first down a staircase with your foot wedged in a bucket is no longer a requirement of the comedic art, doesn't mean it's not spectacularly impressive. But the main interview. Just like the Gump. Wisdom hovered between stricken tears and expansive (but mirthless) laughter; just like the Gump he wanted to win your heart by every means at his disposal.

The German psychoanalyst Alice Miller would have loved it. In her book *The Untouched Key* she describes how Buster Keaton not only took batterings from his parents but later declared, "My parents were my first bit of good luck." Admittedly Miller has no sense of humour, but you couldn't help but share her moral horror when Wisdom, describing how his own father chucked him across the room so that he hit the ceiling, said, "It didn't hurt me. Maybe it did me the world of good. I learned how to fall." And he was right, in a way. He had drawn on the abandoned powerless child for the rest of his professional life.

For the best scene, Wisdom dressed up in his Gump suit (he's had 34 identical suits made since 1948) and in a large deserted theatre demonstrated his method of walking on stage to tumultuous applause. He entered boldly, and then stopped and backed away. "They applaud, you act as though you're frightened, you didn't expect applause like that. But they're lovely, and you say hello." He edged towards the footlights. "You point to people," (he indicates different parts of the house, getting excited); "I like you, you're saying." (he makes fists with his hands and punches the air, exhilarated); "You tell 'em you love 'em" (applause deafens). He turned away. "And then you got 'em."

Stars can still shine

VARIETY: an evening of Fifties nostalgia may be fun, but is it art?

TOM KIDD



The Tiller Girls do the cancan in high heels and firm grins, topped with a quivering fountain of blue feathers

Entitled **Scottish Variety: The Fabulous Fifties**, this show at the King's Theatre revives a medley of the comedy and musical acts that were hugely popular in previous decades. Many, though not all, are performed by the original stars, now in their sixties or older.

Johnny Beattie is still as sharp as he was when he started in showbusiness in 1952, cracking one-liners about nightmare landladies and cheap lodgings where you had to check the bed for wildlife. But the show has everything from stand-up and sketches to trampolining and juggling. It all makes for an evening of enjoyable entertainment, though it is definitely a mixed bag in terms of quality. Some of the gags can look unsophisticated, and the glitz is undeniably tacky.

The Tiller Girls do the cancan sporting high-heeled silver sandals and superglued grins. Each is topped with a quivering fountain of blue feathers as if they have blow holes for brains. With their scanty swimsuit-affairs shimmering, they rotate in a long line demonstrating little foot flicks and the coordinated raising of knees. Is this human dressage or the beached version of synchronised swimming? Another routine has them marching about in furry busbies, regimental jackets and fishnets like grenadiers caught without their trousers.

Karen Hunter, the young Scots fiddler in the mini kilt, is far sexier, bobbing up and down, shuttling sideways and joyfully sawing away at high speed. Her musical virtuosity the audience with teeth enough for two people and a mildly crazed look in her eyes. It is like watching a singing Sue Ellen campaigning for president.

The black vocal group The Sounds of The Platters — including Herb Reed who was in the original group The Platters in the Fifties — are smoother customers. They just snap their fingers and sway leisurely at the hip. But their numbers are definitely swinging: the falsetto yodelling of "Only You" is absorbingly charged with feeling and immaculately executed right down to tiny punctuated intakes of breath.

The same cannot be said for Susan Maughan who had some chart hits in the Sixties. Dolled up in the kind of hideous glam evening dress you hoped only existed on *Dallas*, Maughan appears to be impersonating a snake with shoulder pads. She churns out

Brian McMaster's claim that this show deserves its place as part of his Edinburgh International Festival seems highly questionable. This is certainly not top calibre art. For me at least, a 1950s variety performance remains essentially a curiosity, a museum piece to an extent.

Still, the performers are delightfully full of life and the show obviously gave many of the audience an intensely pleasurable trip down memory lane. It is an evening of real warmth, and perhaps that is its main worth.

Visualising the music

DANCE: Mark Morris's second Edinburgh bill delights the fans

The fearsome array of guitars, double bass, mandolin, violin and microphones seemed to threaten ear-battering stuff. But in the event Michelle Shocked and Rob Wasserman did not shock us in the least. Their instrumental passages evoked white American folk music; while Shocked's three songs brought glimpses of rural America into the Meadowbank sports hall.

To this commissioned music, Mark Morris has choreographed *Home*. For the instrumental sections the American choreographer produces a horizontal line of foot-tapping dancers (himself included), torsos erect, arms hanging loose in an American variant on the Irish jig. It recurs like an exhilarating refrain, although part of his canniness is that the third time he alters it, transforming it into a bobbing group for the complete cast as a grand finale. For the songs he creates movements that weave in and out of the lyrics: never directly echoing them, but adding another layer or obliquely reflecting their mood.

This is also his approach for *Jesu, Meine Freude* to the Bach song cycle (performed by the Schola Cantorum). Limpid, lyrical shapes and lilting steps follow the score's eulogistic tone and gentle pulse. The opening looks particularly beautiful: two men back to back, their arms semaphoring identically away from each other so that it looks like only one figure with a mirror behind.

Unison movement for any number of people is a Morris characteristic but he also at times divides up his choreographic moments, with, say, one dancer matching the chords of the double bass while the others follow the singers. *Grand Duo* takes both those features even further, laying out across the stage vividly graphic groupings, sometimes in unison, sometimes contrapuntal. This is music visualisation par excellence; an extension in flesh and blood of Lou Harrison's composition (of the same name) for violin and piano.

What the movement needs, though, is an internal logic of its own, to give the piece an extra strand and richer resonance — which is perhaps why Morris elsewhere works so readily with vocal music, as a medium supplying that additional dimension.

The final section, Polka, which Morris brought to Edinburgh last year, remains simply stunning, however. A sweeping, cantering circle, feet pounding, hands slapping, arms shaking, squiggling and pumping, it raised a roar of approval from the packed audience.

NADINE MEISNER

MUSIC: idiomatic Falla from a Barcelona chamber orchestra

Vivid Spanish scenes

While it is easy to be wise after the event, it does seem extraordinary that when Manuel de Falla's gypsy-piece, *El amor brujo*, was first performed in Madrid, its worth was assessed by relating it to Grieg's *Peer Gynt*. The comparison seemed even more perverse after a hair-raisingly authentic flamenco performance.

Not that authenticity ever did much for Falla. In his passionately argued essays *On Music and Musicians*, he praises Debussy for presenting the *truth* rather than the authenticity within the music of Spain. On this basis alone, Falla would surely have been thrilled with this truly festive Usher Hall performance of the original version by the **Orquestra de Cambra Teatre Lliure** from Barcelona under its conductor, Josep Pons.

Ginesa Ortega, with Gypsy and Levantine blood coursing through her veins and her larynx, sang the chain of recitations, songs and dances other than the popular ballet. *The three-cornered hat*, in its recently rediscovered original form: this time, a tiny and wonderfully evanescent dumb show, swiftly and lightly brushing past themes and ideas which Falla was later to flesh out with full orchestra.

Fifteen minutes felt like 15 seconds. No sooner had the blackbird greeted the dawn with piccolo and raucous violin downbows than the miller's wife started her flirting; Falla's stream of melody, shot through with one mercurial solo incident after another, flowed on: and before we knew it, her passing flirtation had got its comeuppance. These were the "haunting rhythms arising from the primitive spirit of music" which Falla so admired in Mussorgsky; this was music written to be felt, not understood. It was played as such, with fantasy and irresistible finesse, by a chamber orchestra who should certainly visit Britain more often.

tian beliefs in a magic potion of raw, primitive orchestration and dark incantation. The melodrama, the "Romance del Pescador", was to become the hushed "El circulo mágico" of the shorter, revised version: Ortega inflected it with a sound as of the very earth itself. When she sang her song of love's sorrow and of the will-o'-the-wisp, the voice became like a coil of dark, acrid woodsmoke, each tone bending and breaking deep in the throat as its rhythmic life was meticulously and passionately controlled.

The small orchestra became smaller still for the evening's second rarity, *El corregidor y*

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

SCOTTISH VARIETY: THE FABULOUS FIFTIES. Variety stars recreate the old days, with the help of a troupe of *Tiller Girls*. Devised by Jimmy Logan. See review, page 25.
King's Theatre, Leven Street. Tonight, 8pm and 8.45pm Ⓢ. Festival box office: 031-225 5756.

PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA: Edo de Waart conducts the PO in Janáček's most popular orchestral work, Sinfonietta, and Schubert's Symphony No 9, the "Great C Major".
Usher Hall, Lothian Road. Tonight, 8pm. Festival box office as before.

ORQUESTRA DE CAMBRA TEATRE LLIURE: Josep Pons conducts the acclaimed orchestra from Barcelona in a rare performance of *Fella* by Catalan-born composer Roberto Gerhard. Josep Benet is the soloist.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road. Tonight, 8pm. Festival box office as before.

EDINBURGH FRINGE

SHAMELESS: Opera Circus presents *Shameless! an immoral tale directed by* David Glass, with new music by Paul Sand. An operatic satire, inspired by Brecht.
Pleasance 1, The Pleasance (031-556 6550). Tonight-Sept 4, 6.40 pm.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

THE BALLAD OF THE LIMEHOUSE RAT: Tim Newton's play combines physical drama and music hall. A rat of monstrous proportions threatens the streets of Docklands until a stranger confronts him.
Venue 47, The Cafe Royal (031-556 2549). Daily until Sept 4, (not Suns. 22, 29), 7pm.

ELSEWHERE

LONDON: For tonight's **Prom** Mariss Jansons conducts the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra in a programme consisting of Alfred Schnittke's *(K)Ein Sommernachtstraum*, Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D major and Strauss's *An Alpine Symphony*. Japanese violinist Midori makes her Prom debut as soloist.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071 589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm

LONDON: Despite their chequered history in the last 50 years, the Argentinians have been amazingly productive of cartoons and graphic humour — some of it satirical, whenever such expression was possible, and much clearly brushed by a local brand of surrealism. **Argentine Graphic Humour,** staged in collaboration with the International Cartoon Festival of Knokke-Heist, Belgium, gathers together the varied and diverting work of some 20 artists.
National Museum of Cartoon Art, 183, Eversholt Street, NW1 (071-388 4326). Mon-Fri, midday-8pm (Thurs to 7pm). Today-Sept 24.

LONDON: Philip Pickett directs **The Pilgrimage to Santiago,** a musical journey along the medieval pilgrim road *to the shrine of St James at Santiago* de Compostela. Catherine Bott is the soloist with chorus, singers and instrumentalists accompanying her.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, *SW7 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.45pm.*

NORTHAMPTON: The Edelweiss is blooming and the hills are alive with pleasant melodies in this brand new *staging of the tune-packed musical* **The Sound of Music.**
Royal Theatre, Guildhall Street (0604 32533). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Until Oct 2. Ⓢ

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
□ **Seats at all prices**

□ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins in a golden-hued production, directed by John Caird, that touches the mind more than the heart.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 195mins. Ⓢ Ⓢ

■ **THE CHANGELING:** Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production from Stratford, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 180mins Ⓢ

□ **THE CENCI:** Shelley's only stage play, on patriarchal tyranny and murder in 16th Cent. Italy, revived on Damned Poets Theatre Co for the bicentenary of his birth.
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith (081-741 2311) Ⓢ
Preview Wed 7.30pm. Mon to Sat 7.30pm. Mats Sat 2.30pm. Till Sept 11.

◪ ***CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality* Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 *(071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats* Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy.*
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins Ⓢ

◪ **GODSPELL:** Candy-flavoured Christianity. The 1970s hit revived for a month, with Andy Crane, Gemma Craven.
Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tue to Sun 7.30pm (not Sun Aug 22) plus a final performance Mon, Aug 30, 7.30pm. Mats Sat 3pm. Til August 30. Ⓢ

□ **GORMENGHAST:** The David Glass Ensemble in London again after another *nation-wide tour with their thrilling* version of Mervyn Peake.
Lyric, King St, *Hammersmith,* W6 (081-741 2311) Ⓢ. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat (Aug 21, 28), 2.30pm.

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s. Skimpy story of teenage love, but the tunes are catchy. Craig McLachlan stars in the lead role first played over here by Richard Gere.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 150mins Ⓢ Ⓢ

□ **INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE:** *Strong central performance by Trevor Eve as the disintegrating solicitor in Osborne's gripping play.*
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Wed, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2.15pm. 190mins. Ⓢ Ⓢ

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot *Leicester, Matthew Marsh lead a* quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins. Ⓢ

□ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James inspires the women of Athens to deny their men the joys of sex. Peter Hall's vigorously phallic production.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

□ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, *with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer,* proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). *Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat* Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins

□ **THE OPEN COUPLE:** The renamed Offstage Downstairs opens with a revival of the Dario Fo/Franca Rame comedy: a husband is alarmed when his wife takes literally his demand for greater freedom.
Camden Studio Theatre, 37 Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (071-916 4040). *Mon to Sat 8pm. Till September 11.*

□ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heart-felt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins. Ⓢ

■ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan *Donnellan's superb staging of* Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. *Alun Armstrong and Julia McKenzie play the leads.*
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm. 180mins Ⓢ

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Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ **RED ROCK WEST** (15): Enjoyable thriller, with Nicolas Cage sucked into a whirlpool of greed and deceit. Dennis Hopper, Lara Flynn Boyle, J.T. Walsh; director, John Dahl.
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JAZZ: Way forward, or dead end? **Clive Davis** reviews a performer who polarises opinion

ALLAN TITMUSS



Wynton Marsalis: still time for him to prove the doubters wrong. After all, Duke Ellington was over 30 when he made his best recordings

Time for a blend of art and soul

Wynton Marsalis
Albert Hall

ROUND 26 of the great "Is He A Genius?" debate, and we are no nearer a conclusive answer. In one corner are those who regard Wynton Marsalis as the Chosen One who saved jazz from total disintegration, an artist who will set new standards well into the next century. As a virtuoso who has made a series of assured classical recordings, he is the ideal choice to carry the flag at the Albert Hall.

If there were any Promenaders who still clung to the illusion that jazz is all about striped waistcoats and funny hats, this concert — built around an extended suite inspired by Afro-American church music — would have cleared away any lingering misconceptions. Marsalis and his septet represent a generation of formidably sophisticated players. When you are invited to clap along, it is in 7/4 time.

And on the other side, muttering dark thoughts, are the sceptics. The man from New Orleans, they say, has wonderful technique, impeccable taste and a sense of history, but he just ain't got it — "it" being that indefinable element of personal expression that is essential to any truly inspired jazz musician.

Another trumpeter, Lester Bowie, summed up the general sentiment recently in an outspoken interview: "Wynton's a good musician, but he's been totally miscast ... You can't feel an emotional attachment because he's not playing *him*."

The argument has been swinging back and forth for a decade or more, and Marsalis is still only 31. There is ample time for him to prove the doubters wrong. After all, Duke Ellington — to whom Marsalis is increasingly compared — did not make his most enduring recordings until he was well into his thirties.

This concert was a reminder of how far Marsalis has moved away from high-pressure "post-bop" towards a more reflective style which draws more explicitly on traditional blues and gospel voicings. His trumpet timbre, once laser-sharp, is now laden with muddied growls and smears in the manner of Bubber Miley.

His own solo opportunities were limited here. He increasingly prefers to merge into the rest of the group, occasionally surfacing for terse, clinically precise statements. There remains, though, a stiffness in his phrasing. The blues are delivered on cue, but in a cautious, self-conscious voice, as if he were an actor who is intently studying his lines.

The evening had its moments of powerful ensemble playing. But Marsalis's compositional skills were stretched thin over 90 minutes, the gospel-derived motifs often too slight to bear the weight of Walter Blanding Jr and Wes Anderson's saxophone improvisations. In a club or a smaller venue, this might not have mattered. In an arena as large as this, the impact of the music was bound to be dissipated.

The comparisons with Ellington raise a more interesting point. Ellington was composing for a collection of highly distinctive individuals: players such as Johnny Hodges, Harry Carney and Paul Gonsalves imposed their own signature on each piece. As yet, none of Marsalis's sidemen has developed that sort of readily identifiable imprint, and the music seems to lack balance as a result. But, remember, there is still time.

PROMS: The second of this year's new commissions

Novel kind of beauty

BBCSO/Davis
Albert Hall/Radio 3

PROBABLY because they are so popular, so public, the Proms have a habit of tempting composers chosen to provide new works to be slightly more conscious of their duty to their listeners than perhaps is usual. Take Nicholas Sackman, for instance. His output is small, and what I recall hearing has seemed too complex and severe. His new work, *Hawthorn*, given an impressive world premiere by the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Andrew Davis at last Thursday's Prom, does not eschew complexity; that is part of Sackman's modernist language and is there to stay. But within the confines of that language the work radiates confidence, lyricism, dramatic immediacy and formal coherence, qualities which one would not have readily attributed to this composer before.

Perhaps that is down to its source of inspiration, Glyn Hughes's novel, *The Hawthorn Goddess*, which tells of a free-spirited young girl living in the bigoted and superstitious world of late 18th-century Yorkshire. Though the music is no literal interpretation, the ideas the book brings to Sackman are pregnant and powerful: shuddering rhythms, massive, swirling textures, fragmented phrases, and, yes, lyrical tunes, all mixed together in a maelstrom of colour, and presumably broadly signifying malevolent forces conspiring against beauty. The piece, in three connected movements, fast-slow-fast, has a strong sense of recapitulation, but perspectives continually change so that we do not end where we began.

One only hopes that a record company is in on the act so that this work can be more thoroughly explored. More live performances would not go amiss either, if the great music-loving public's apathy can be risked. Of those few who attended this Prom, some will have been enticed by the prospect of hearing the Russian violinist Maxim Vengerov, just 19, who made his Proms debut a year ago. This time he gave a lovely, shapely account of Prokofiev's First Violin Concerto, emphasising though not over-indulging the outer movement's lyrical qualities and giving the central Scherzo, the work's sole concession to the modernism of the day, with a likewise intelligently controlled rhythmic punch.

STEPHEN PETTITT

THEATRE: The prairie's great raconteur returns

Wry ramble to Wobegon

Garrison Keillor
Ambassadors

SO HERE he is again, the creator and chronicler of Lake Wobegon, Minnesota. But blink hard this year and you will miss him, for his UK Tour '93 plays only three nights in London, one in Norwich and two at the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, before returning to America. The glad news for Keillor fans is that his destination, if I read the signs aright, is once again the Midwest prairie town (1418 alt., 942 pop.) that he has occupied his working-life trying to leave behind yet not to leave.

Six years ago his long-running live radio show, *A Prairie Home Companion*, went out on the Minnesota air for the last time, and he moved to New York. The show that succeeded it, *American Radio Company*, has been running for four years but Keillor now pines for the old name, so it's back to the *Prairie Home* in the fall. His destination and his destiny are one.

Tall, sturdily built from all that Minnesota sweetcorn he praises so extravagantly — the food of heaven, no less — and standing almost totally still near but not at the centre of the stage, he tells his dry, wry, rambling tales. Cunningly he guides a way through an undergrowth of tiny social details that opens out abruptly into an absurd calamity and then continues further into something tender or serious, so that you never quite know what mood he wishes to leave you in.

His account of the talent show where the schoolboy Keillor learnt the uses of wickedness, or the cool conclusion of his first journey out of his home state: the irony is there all right, but where exactly? Lake Wobegon crushes something good and human out of a person but what remains is somehow good and human too, so the ironic approach is critical yet affectionate.

He sings, gently, into a hand-held mike, and Richard Dworsky accompanies him again on the piano. Kate MacKenzie and Robin and Linda Williams make up the Hopeful Gospel Quartet with Keillor, singing rather more gospel songs than I care to hear. His precise religious feelings are impossible to determine, likewise the range of his anger towards his puritan forebears, yet he evidently loves singing gospel. Whether trapped at Lake Wobegon or trapped outside it, life is a real mix-up, and Keillor's artful depiction of this accounts for his success.

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Was it not Mrs Thrale who remarked of Johnson's Dictionary that the book was excellent reading but for the *want* of a little connection? Something similar could be said of the large four-volume encyclopaedia in which *eminent* Israeli archaeologists, with some external assistance, now present an astonishing and highly *professional* portrait of archaeological discoveries at a large number of ancient places in and around Israel.

Perhaps no area of the Earth's surface has been more zealously picked over by learned spades than the land which, to Jews, Christians and Muslims, is holy ground because of its associations with what holy people have said and done there. Since early times people have wanted to know where biblical sites are to be located — the search goes back to some of the biblical writers themselves. More recently archaeologists, with increasing professionalism (especially since the pioneer work of Sir Flinders Petrie, handsomely acknowledged here), have asked what more might be disclosed about the history of settlements at the various sites.

This new encyclopaedia is an impressive *monument* to Israeli scholarship. The four-volume work is the grandson of a modest handbook which first appeared in Hebrew in 1970, and direct son of an enlarged encyclopaedia, also in four volumes, edited in 1975-79 by Michael Avi-Yonah. He sadly died before his labours saw the light, but it was completed by Ephraim Stern and inexpensively published in Britain by Oxford University Press.

The *new edition enjoys* a good deal of continuity with the old, not only through the fact that its principal editor is again Stern, now professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The new work may be nearly five times the price, but has vastly more information with richer and very *detailed bibliographies*.

Over 365 articles are included, with a mass of letterpress in rather small *print*. There is a vast number of photographs of sites and objects found at them. Objects of special beauty or historical interest get colour treatment. The individual sites are sensibly presented in alphabetical order, and the articles have a regular pattern. The reader is first told where to find the site on the maps at the end-papers of each volume, a *map* reference being given in most cases even when the location is in Jordan. We are told what *ancient name* or *names* the place bore — it is remarkable how often a Roman or Greek name eventually yields to the much earlier Semitic name. There follows an account of the excavations (and the excavators) with the dates of the digs, and then a description of the monumental remains and *the smaller finds*.

By conscious policy the scope of the entries is largely restricted to the information uncovered by the spade, and that must be considered a strength of the encyclopaedia. It is only to a limited extent that the evidence brought to light by excavators is integrated into the broader history of the Holy Land in *ancient times*.

The enormous article on Jerusalem which runs to book-length and is a masterpiece, like the shorter piece on the finds at Beth Shean (Roman Scythopolis), is substantially less than a history of the city and its crucial role for the society of the age. What is given is a lapidary summary of the earliest evidence for settlement and of the later remains as uncovered by the digs. Another striking example of this restraint is the article on Qumran. The editors have used a piece by the *late Father de Vaux. By some it* may be thought a little dated, but it is of course a luminous perspective on what the original excavator thought his discoveries meant. The article meticulously describes the caves where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were found but abstains from a direct evaluation of these remarkable and *momentous documents*.

To read through these four volumes is to learn a lot about archaeological method generally, as well as about very particular discoveries. Stern is so learned a general editor that one can hardly put down his four heavy volumes without a mixture, on the one hand of gratitude for the material collected, on the other hand of hunger for perhaps that little *bit more*. Readers who are not themselves going to participate in a dig may feel a touch of regret that the principal editor does not contribute an *essay of synthesis to explain* what difference to our understanding of the successive societies inhabiting the Holy Land has been made by the Trojan efforts of innumerable toiling diggers. That might have supplied the string on which the pearls in the individual articles are held together.

At the same time the range of history presented in these volumes is far from narrow. We move from the Stone Age *through early, middle, and* late Bronze age matter, to Biblical times, to Israel under the Greeks, then the Romans. Early Byzantine churches with fine mosaics are included, and even some monuments of the Crusaders such as Belvoir and Montfort (but not Kerak). The distinguished article on Petra concentrates on its rise to be the capital city for the Nabataean Arabs, and is silent about its evidence for the Roman and Christian periods. The illustrations of the wonderful rock-cut tombs at this supreme ancient site are excellent. Medeba (Madaba) and *its famous map* are *also* well covered. Readers hungry to know something of the Holy Land in late antiquity are not unfed, but will occasionally be asking for more.

Henry Chadwick retired as Master of Peterhouse in June. He is the author of many books and articles on early Christianity.

PAPERBACKS

THE PROMISE OF LIGHT
By Paul Watkins
Faber, £5.99
A YOUNG Irish-American, Ben Sheridan, returns to Ireland in a ship secretly loaded with rifles, the unwitting bearer of fighting dollars and a name that commands almost mythical respect in the ranks of the IRA. Set in 1921, at the height of the Black and Tan war, the novel portrays Ben's search for his true father. The writing is taut and uncomplicated, the settings and the climax worthy of Buchan.

THE LOST SALT GIFT OF BLOOD
By Alistair MacLeod
Flamingo, £5.99
TWELVE immaculate stories from Hebridean Nova Scotia conjure up the beauty and hardship of life for farmers, fishermen and their families on the elemental outer fringe of the habitable world. MacLeod draws from the well of Celtic lyricism to give voice to lives as vividly distinct as the lonely lighthouse-woman and the long-distance uranium miner. These tender portraits from an isolated, proud and primitive community rank with Joyce's *The Dead*.

WALPURGISNACHT
By Gustav Meyrink
Dedalus, £6.99
IT IS 1917. Europe is torn apart by war, Russia in the grip of revolution, the Austro-Hungarian Empire on the brink of collapse. *It is Walpurgisnacht*, springtime pagan festival of unbridled desire. In this volcanic atmosphere, in a Prague of splendour and decay, the rabble prepare to storm the hilltop castle, and Dr Thaddaeus Halberd, once the court physician, mourns his lost youth. Phantasmagorical prose, energetically translated, marvellously evokes past and present, personal and political, a devastated world.

THE FAME HOTEL
By Terence Blacker
Black Swan, £5.99
OLIVER Sincton, American sleazebag and cheap sex enthusiast, is discovered murdered in a Mayfair service flat with a doughnut decorating his most treasured part. Inspector Simon Potter leads the investigations with admirable cool, but as a character he is rather *shadowy. The same* cannot be said for the rest: Bimbo, Horrid Civil Servant, Repressed Englishman, French Lesbian. This media whodunnit is a cut above the average.

● *Contributors: Brian Morton, Alison Burns, Sue Gee, Tania Glyde*

Imagination which must be obeyed

A new life of Rider Haggard shows his stories at odds with his career as an imperialist, says **Peter Ackroyd**

RIDER HAGGARD
and the lost *empire*
By Tom Pocock
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20

His mother wrote a poem about the Afghan War of 1842, a nursery maid told him stories about a grotesque doll known as *She-Who-Must-Be-Obeyed*, and the owner of a neighbouring estate collected Egyptian antiquities. Even in childhood, Rider Haggard was led towards what he called "the blessed kingdom of *Romance*".

He was considered the "least favoured" among his brothers — but, like Joseph, he was the one to interpret visions. At an early age he managed to become an aide to Sir Henry Bulwer in South Africa. It was here that his real life can be said to begin since, after Norfolk, this was a continent which struck him with the force of revelation: the Boers and the Zulus, the witch-doctors and the mountains, provided him with an exotic landscape of the imagination *in which* he could lose himself.

It was certainly the landscape which he carried back with him to England. But there are many young romanticists who remain in a quiescent state, with their passion for a lost past or place no more than the material for nostalgia or frustrated longing. Rider Haggard, true to his squirearchical roots, *was of a* more robust disposition. "I was determined to make a success in the world in one way or another," he wrote. So he began to write fiction, but it was not until he decided to beat the recently published *Treasure Island* at its own game that he scored a significant success with *King Solomon's Mines*. It took him six weeks to complete, and then he finished *She* just as quickly. Here were the makings of a florid mid-Victorian imagination.

He was now *31* years old, and decided to refresh himself among the pyramids and tombs of Egypt. He always possessed some affinity with the more ancient cultures; primarily, I suspect, because of his early obsession with death — Tom Pocock describes here how, as a small child, he had imagined himself a corpse. He needed to find abiding spiritual forces, or talismans of such, because he wanted to recognise some other reality beyond the grave which he feared.

In a sense he made a conscious decision to open himself to the infinite and, as a result, the infinite touched *him; or rather, in the idiom of* the day, he became aware of "etheric powers". He believed himself to have lived once in ancient Egypt, and in his house in West Kensington he had what he called "the experience with the *mummy*", which his brother had sent from that country. One London house was, after his departure, plagued by poltergeists and stray footsteps — even his tough and stoical wife, Louie, was forced from her room when the sheets were torn from her bed by an invisible hand. Pocock describes how "both Jungian and Freudian psychologists — including Dr Carl Jung himself — were to use *She* to illustrate the concept of the *anima*, the feminine force in mankind."

The impression given by Pocock's biography is of a rather neurotic, anxious and restless personality — with what Edmund Gosse described as his "loud laugh and goggle eyes and the joke repeated two or three times for fear you have not perceived it". But he had a peculiar imaginative power which was so deeply buried that it hardly seems "literary" at all.

It would be easy to dismiss *him, then, as a writer of* potboilers — yet he was, essentially, a writer of stories. Stories need not necessarily be literature. They need not necessarily even be literary. They come from some other part of *the human imagination — the* part where ancient fears lie, and where reverence or worship has its place. Rider Haggard wrote them quickly because he was only their guardian, not their creator; when he professed himself to be remote from the process of novel-making, he was speaking only the truth.

In that sense his life really needed to have no connection *with his art, and there exists in* this biography an almost comic disparity between his exterior existence and his obsessive fiction. He stood as a Conservative MP (and lost); he became a City trader complete with "black frock coat, striped trousers and top hat"; and then a hard-working Norfolk farmer. He became an unlikely friend of Teddy Roosevelt, although he did share with him what Pocock calls a "practical imperialism".

He wanted to subjugate and to control those ancient races which were the very source of *his imaginative reveries. He* seemed to distrust and even to dislike his imaginative powers. His strident polemics about the superiority of the white race sound very much like the special pleading of a man seeking to control his own intuitive nature. So, when he was made a Knight Bachelor and member of the Dominion Royal Commission, it was quite natural that he should describe it as "the end of a long *struggle for serious recogni*tion in which I was much hampered by this necessary novel-writing".

Perhaps Pocock takes Haggard too much at his word in this respect, at least, and *concentrates upon his career* as "an agricultural, social and imperial reformer" at the expense of that interior stuff out of which his 58 novels were made. But the biographer's reticence may be understandable — to penetrate into the inner world of Rider Haggard would mean the creation of an alternative biography. The result would be ambiguity, or even incoherence.

But since Pocock stays longer with Haggard's more public *concerns*, it necessarily becomes a record of disappointment. He proclaimed the benefits of a white empire at a time when it was most strained; he had to face the first world war and, in recompense, invented some ideal world order which was threatened by Orientals, Jews and the darker races. In the end only the dreams of his fiction have survived. In one of his last speeches he declared: "Imagination is a great gift, but a terrible steed to ride." When his daughter saw the body of her dead father, she saw that "the spirit... had gone on its way rejoicing".



Rider Haggard aged 67, in the hall of Osiris at Abydos during his last visit to Egypt in 1924. His affinity with ancient cultures derived from an early obsession with death

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Right on Hardy and Tolstoy

HISTORICAL AND FANTASY

It was a mistake for women to emerge from the primeval slime. Since then it has been downhill all the way — apart from some good times with the Celts and the Saxons. Now we are all prisoners of our own biology, and in for a thoroughly miserable time.

So thinks Liza Lu, narrator of Tess by Emma Tennant (HarperCollins, £14.99). She is the sister of Tess, daughter of the mad Mary Hewitt, and aunt and great aunt to Tess's daughter and granddaughter, last, one might hope, in a long line of unmarried mothers. *The original of Thomas* Hardy's Tess, and her daughter Gertrude Bugler, together with Hardy and his relationship with his second wife Florence form a thread in this very complex and involved tapestry.

Other threads are the sheer beauty of the Dorset countryside, a brief history of the area *from primeval slime to the* present day, notes on ammonites, and a relentless narrative of misery and lack of hope. All the villains are men, and all the men are villains, including the ageing Hardy with his innocent infatuation with Gertrude, then a young actress. Fathers, lovers, husbands (a rare breed) all commit terrible crimes of cruelty and betrayal. Meanwhile the women go mad, have children, develop anorexia nervosa, commit suicide.

There is a terrible, secular predestination about the view that everything you have done has been done by a woman just ahead of you and will be repeated by you, without any *hope of breaking the cycle. It is* one kind of extreme feminist view, which I find extremely depressing.

What has happened to the spirited young women who have appeared in English literature? Sometimes they went in pairs, like Shakespeare's Rosalind and Celia, and Jane Austen's Jane and Elizabeth Bennett. Nature and nurture appear to give Tess's granddaughter the worst possible start. An army of social workers could not solve the problems of Tess and her extended family, since they regard themselves as victims, without hope.

This is a maddening book, because not only is it well written but many of the threads are interesting in themselves, particularly the relationship between Hardy and his last attachment — Gertrude Bugler died as recently as 1992. But amid so many themes and so much information, the story goes wandering off into side lines, such as pop singing (Tess had "the best voice since Helen Shapiro" and managed to fail at that, also), with the most *horrible revelation kept till the* very end — the reverse of a *bonne bouche*.

The Last Station, by Jay Parini (HarperCollins £14.99), subtitled "a novel of Tolstoy's Last Year", has the happy notion of factionalising five diarists who kept records of that hothouse of the emotions, Tolstoy's country estate, Yasna *Polyana. His Countess kept a* wild record of fear and paranoia, since Tolstoy was contemplating giving all his wealth (including the copyrights) away. His chief disciple, the creepy Chertkov, hates *the Countess (and pretty* well everyone else).

Then there is Sasha, Tolstoy's daughter, Bulgakov, his most recent secretary, and Tolstoy himself (his own words used). So much hatred,



Emma Tennant: fiercely feminist version of *Tess*

mistrust, anguish and sheer bitchiness becomes wearing after a time, leading to the bathos of Tolstoy's flight to the Russian railway system and death while the world's press (including news reel cameras) looked on.

In **A Song for Arbonne** by Guy Gavriel Kay (Harper-*Collins £14.99), Arbonne is a* sunlit, smiling place, rather like Provence, where vines and olives grow, and an elegant and luxury-loving society, devoted to the arts and the work of troubadours, worships both the mother goddess Rian and the male god Corannos, in honour of whom there are two moons (one of them blue). The *custom of the country includes* dynastic marriages, followed by a sexual freedom which would turn the 20th century pale.

There is one taboo which is universal: the heir must be *legitimate, and it is* the breaking of this rule which is the cause of a feud between the noble houses of de Maraval and de Talar which is tearing Arbonne apart.

To the north is Gorhaut (all *the best fantasy novels have* detailed maps), a cold, militaristic society, ruled by a dissolute King, aided by the High Elder, *Galbert de Garsenc*, who has perverted the worship of Corannos into a cruel heresy. They both wish to conquer Arbonne.

Enter Blaise, the mysterious stranger, a man hardened and *embittered, willing to sell his* skill and his sword to the highest bidder. He begins by despising the people of Arbonne, but comes to like them, and to wish to save them from the coming destruction. As he is the renegade younger son of the High Elder of Garsenc, he knows the worst.

A desperate and bloody war *begins when Rosala, wife of* Blaise's brother Ranald, flees to Arbonne, desperate to avoid the attentions of the king, and to prevent her unborn child from being offered to Corannos.

There is steel in the Arbonnais, even if their enemies despise them for their women rulers. Powerful char*acters like Bertran de Talair*, womaniser, cause of most of the trouble, composer of the most beautiful songs in their history, and ruthless fighter, and the High Priestess, who has blinded herself in the service of Rian and her people. There are clever and brave killers for hire, and glamorous and unscrupulous women in *positions of power*, and there is Blaise, who has to go through many ordeals before his true destiny.

This is Kay's second novel in a longer form (following *Tigana*) and he gets better and better. It is a marvellous adventure story, set in an imagined world, beautifully conceived, and parallel to our own troubles.

PHILIPPA TOOMEY



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1,957.70	Scot & Nwc	465	+16	...	4.5	14.5
225.20	Taunton Cider	206	+ 3	9.0	3.6	16.8
329.40	Tms Group	238	- 1	9.3	4.6	18.4
44.30	Wetherspoon JD	301	+23	...	2.0	24.3
2,391.10	Whitbread 'A'	529	+20	...	4.2	14.3
149.90	-do- 'B'	1158	...	...	1.9	29.1
331.90	Wolverhmptn D	503	+15	11.4	2.8	14.1
13.90	Young 'A'	478	+ 3	14.5	3.8	19.5

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	W'kly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
46.50	Abbey	120	+ 5	...	8.5	∞
11.10	Abrdgshire a	22	+ 3	...	...	...
25.50	Allens	114	-	...	5.5	25.8
243.90	Amec	94	- 4	3.0	3.4	17.8
2.97	Anglia Sec	9	...	...	...	...
58.40	Ashtead a	263 †	+15	4.5	2.2	∞
321.50	Ashwoods	114	- 2	5.0	5.5	16.5
1,247.70	BPB Ind	251	- 2	...	3.1	43.2
134.60	Baggeridge Brk	88	+15	3.1	3.4	39.6
2.60	Bailey (Ben) Con	25½	...	0.5	...	...
19.70	Barrow	106	...	1.2	1.5	19.2
262.90	Barron	47½	- 2½	2.0	5.3	23.4
293.40	Barratt Dev	157	...	2.0	1.6	12.5
307.90	Bellway	627	+ 6	...	3.5	24.7
14.90	Bellwinch	34	+ 3	...	...	...
341.30	Bernards Gp	145	+ 7	...	1.7	27.9
17.30	Bett Bros	115	+11	...	0.5	4.7
14.60	Blockleys	57	+ 6	1.0	2.2	62.0
1,878.10	Blue Circle	266	-17	...	5.3	...
71.80	Boot (Henry)	276	...	9.0	2.7	15.4
27.60	Bredero PLC	97	+ 2	4.6	5.0	23.5
30.60	Br Dredging	118	...	5.2	5.5	26.2
16.20	Br Fittings	68	...	1.5	2.8	...
400.50	Bryant	146	- 1	4.8	4.1	31.2
29.00	CALA	85	+ 9	2.5	...	...
922.00	CRH	283	+ 1	...	3.0	19.6
1.50	Calcerrad Rby	35	+ 5	...	...	...
81.50	Costain	138	...	...	...	...
404.50	Countryside	157	+ 2	...	3.7	36.2
54.30	Crest Nicholson	71	- ½	0.0	...	...
17.10	Cussins	9½ †	+ ½	...	1.3	...
1.47	Dunmore	3	...	...	...	...
10.50	Edmond Hdgs	20	+ 2	0.5	3.1	...
52.80	Epwin	268	+ 6	6.8	3.2	22.5
24.60	Erith	52	+ 7	0.5	0.8	...
42.70	Eve Groups	448	+15	...	2.8	16.2
7.90	Explurans a	9½	+ ½	...	...	...
7.00	Freeman Gp a	130	+ 1	...	4.8	20.5
42.60	Galliford	48	+ 4	4.3	...	19.3
0.94	Gibbs & Dandy	54	...	...	...	...
92.20	Gleeson (M)	913	+ 3	12.7	1.7	14.8
254.10	Hawden-Jenn	134	+ 4	...	3.0	30.5
7.85	Henderson	45 †	...	...	3.5	33.2
233.50	Heyrod Wm	337	- 2	12.5	5.1	...
50.60	Higgs & Hill	115	+ 7	2.5	2.7	...
11.90	How Gp	29	...	...	6.5	...
4.77	Howard Hldgs	19 †	+ ½	0.5	3.3	...
190.20	Ibstock Johnsen	76	...	1.0	1.6	...
15.20	Jarvis	109	+ 1½	...	...	...
145.40	Laing (J)	313	+ 4	9.0	3.6	12.5
50.60	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	126	+ 6	...	6.3	...
6.44	Lit Chesterfds a	93	+ 2	4.5	6.0	35.0
15.00	Lovell (J)	18	+ ½	...	...	8.2
119.70	Mander	320	+ 4	9.0	3.5	19.6
447.00	Marley	158	- 7	4.2	3.4	45.7
122.20	Marshalls	101	+ 8	...	5.0	69.6
41.50	Maunders (J)	168	+ 5	4.9	3.7	15.4
117.50	McAlpine (A)	208	+ 1	6.5	3.9	36.0
24.90	McCarthy & S	39½	+ 1½	0.5	...	...
469.50	Meyer Int	378	+ 9	...	3.3	37.9
136.60	Mowlem (J)	126	+ 4	4.0	4.0	...
23.00	NSM	34	+14	...	...	...
9.91	Needler a	48	...	...	1.7	23.3
201.60	Newman Tnks	167	+ 1	...	6.0	22.3
285.50	Persimmon	289	- 4	8.6	3.7	29.5
1.73	Phoenix Timber	12	-12	...	...	...
16.10	Pochins	1550	+25	29.0	2.4	9.4
89.50	Prowting	140	+ 3	3.4	3.0	...
1.81	Quilligotta	2½	...	...	...	...
1,556.20	RMC Gp	704	-25	...	3.1	31.2
176.60	Raine Ind	94	+11	6.0	8.0	15.7
2.49	Ramsay a	22	...	...	...	...
2,797.20	Redland	555	+ 1	25.0	5.6	32.3
11.70	Rosket	78	+ 1	4.3	6.9	11.5
804.70	Rugby Group	275	- 6	8.4	2.9	21.1
6.42	Serrid-Ivea	41	...	...	...	40.3
22.70	Sharpe & Fisher	110	+ 3	...	...	30.8
136.30	Sheffield Inst	209	+16	...	3.2	51.3
15.40	Sheffld Hdgs a	141	+ 7	...	1.7	21.9
2.90	Shorcon	75	+ 5	...	8.9	16.6
22.20	Smart (J)	220	+ 5	8.5	3.8	10.0
14.30	Stanmar	4½	+ ½	0.3	6.8	∞
1,078.80	Tarmac	147	- 1	5.5	4.7	...
37.00	Tay Homes	169	+ 5	5.8	4.3	10.6
955.70	Taylor Woodrw	133	...	1.8	0.9	...
210.60	Tilbury Douglas	625	+40	33.0	6.6	20.3
3.56	Tonex Hires a	35	...	...	1.4	...
348.60	Travis Perkins	244	- 3	8.0	4.1	43.0
14.30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
2.84	Tudor a	26	...	...	1.2	...
34.00	Tilreplant	74	+ 1	2.5	4.3	26.2
25.20	Ward Hldgs	68	+ 1	...	...	...
0.38	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
90.50	Watts Blake	435	...	...	3.4	18.8
2.52	Wescol a	24	- 3	...	...	...
107.10	Westbury	161	...	5.0	3.9	25.1
1.43	Wiggins	0 ¾	...	...	...	...
338.00	Wilson Bowdn	475	- 6	8.7	2.5	20.7
354.40	Wilson (C)	187	+ 4	3.9	2.5	32.4
536.50	Wimpey G	186	- 3	...	3.5	...
4.73	YRM	36	+ 2	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	W'kly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
674.80	ADT	630	+20	...	...	...
9.70	Adam & Harvey	228	+10	12.0	6.6	4.2
9.47	Air London	73	...	...	8.0	9.0
3.45	African Lakes	49	...	2.0	5.1	...
187.10	Aggr Sec	361	...	...	2.8	20.3
24.10	BNB Res	100	+10	4.9	6.1	...
80.00	BPP	204 †	- 2	8.0	3.2	17.0
36.20	Barbour Index	218	+18	8.0	4.6	∞
20.50	Bowstead	74	+ 2	2.0	2.7	...
59.50	Bri Data Mgt	245	+12	7.0	2.9	30.4
2.95	Broadcastdata	25	...	...	1.3	19.7
7.93	Brooks Service	95	+ 5	...	...	...
51.10	CRT Gp	97	- 5	2.8	2.9	∞
90.10	Capita Group	190 †	+29	...	1.4	29.7
33.20	Casket Plc	41½	+ ½	...	2.4	16.0
14.50	Chiltern Capital	20	+ ½	...	...	...
10.80	Christie	46	...	...	...	...
1,002.80	Chubb Sec	350	+15	...	1.7	22.3
5.71	Comaca	99	+ 4	...	2.1	22.2
7.73	Corp Services	30	+ 1	...	...	...
10.50	Courts Cmblc	44	+ 1	...	...	...
16.80	Dart	110	...	3.3	3.0	14.9
259.30	Davis Service	285	+ 9	...	3.9	19.2
5.05	EW Fields	44	...	4.2	9.5	10.8
22.80	Gardiner	31½	+ 4	0.6	...	21.7
1,019.60	Hays	253	+12	4.6	1.8	24.9
168.10	Hoog Rohmsn	240	+14	...	3.4	17.5
15.40	Holmes Protecm	35	...	...	...	5.1
1,844.00	Hunch Whamp	197	...	...	2.4	16.8
499.40	ISS B DKr	1025	-109½	...	5.5	24.6
2,695.80	Inchcape	545	+ 8	...	3.2	18.0
163.50	Johnson Clean	330 †	+ 2	25.7	3.9	18.1
98.50	Lep	109	+ 1½	...	...	...
24.50	Mitie Gp	274 †	+ 3	3.5	1.6	∞
290.20	Manpower	1062	+ 9	...	...	...
34.40	Michael Page	573	+ 9½	1.0	3.9	24.4
8.14	Pennan	172	+ 8	...	2.3	6.4
2.25	Prime Peoples	2½	...	...	...	...
70.10	Proudfoot Alex	127	...	...	11.5	7.0
57.70	RCO	393	+ 2	12.8	5.0	11.9
9.40	RFA	100	...	4.0	5.0	...
57.30	Reed Executive	494	+ 6	...	...	...
27.90	Reliance Secs a	114 †	- 3	...	4.9	...
1,984.90	Rentokil	206	+ 1	2.9	1.4	25.4
12.60	Rolfe & Nolan	233	...	...	4.8	12.6
1,110.00	Sidwcstn IO	388	+15	...	2.5	21.7
3.20	Scot Prdfords a	77	+ 4	...	2.7	11.8
69.50	Securigard	330	...	...	4.2	18.0
12.90	Select Appts	8	...	...	...	...
127.60	Serco Gp	1075	-25	14.0	1.6	29.7
9.25	Sheard Cmpn a	197	+28	...	5.8	4.4
57.40	Stelchley	99	+ 2	...	2.8	22.6
78.10	Warner Howard	272	...	6.5	2.4	17.3
15.10	Welpac	34	...	...	...	...
24.20	Wills Gp	24½	+ 1	...	0.5	33.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	W'kly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
543.60	Allied Colloids	245	- 1	...	2.2	21.6
497.40	Amersham	855	+45	...	2.0	39.6
19.40	Anglo Ord	2	...	...	...	...
5,755.50	BASF DM	2100½	-231½	...	3.2	...
358.60	BTP	590	...	...	4.0	20.0
7,642.40	Bayer DM50	1110½	-265½	...	4.5	...
70.70	Blagden	165 †	-10½	9.5	...	12.8
95.10	Brent Chems	126	+ 6	...	7.5	11.5
126.00	Br Bio-Tech	353	+ 3	...	...	...
7.72	Caird Gp	17½	...	...	12.3	37.5
39.90	Canning (W)	141	+ 2	7.2	6.5	16.2
2,281.70	Courtaulds	569	- 9	...	5.1	15.1
362.80	Croda	392	+ 3	...	3.3	19.1
14.90	Dowlow	138	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
179.90	Elfis & Everard	218	+ 6	7.0	4.8	∞
10.20	Euro Colour	34	+ 1	0.8	2.9	20.8
93.30	Halstead (J)	313	+ 5	...	2.4	15.2
306.70	Hickson	177	- 2	...	5.6	16.4
6,504.30	Hoechst	2110	-150	...	3.2	...
190.80	Holliday Chem	225	+ 2	...	2.1	20.4
4,990.50	ICI	693 †	+ 8	...	5.0	...

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	W'kly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,178.80	East Midlands	522	+11	...	4.7	9.8
1,626.70	Eastern Elect	626	+ 1	...	4.6	10.5
1,420.90	Hydro-Elect	771 †	+10½	...	5.8	13.4
1,149.40	London Elect	527	+ 1	...	4.6	11.7
1,148.10	Midlands Elec	548	+10	...	4.6	9.3
4,597.20	National Power	360	+ 2	...	3.7	10.7
705.40	Northern Elec	573	+ 4	...	4.7	8.3
464.20	Nthn Ireland	162	+12	...	4.4	9.5
982.70	Norweb	569	+17	20.0	4.4	8.8
3,022.40	PowerGen	386	- 1½	...	5.4	10.2
2,872.00	Scottish Power	2529	+ 7	...	4.0	13.1
736.40	Seeboard	978	+ 8	...	4.3	9.5
604.50	Sth Wales	595	...	...	4.7	9.9
658.60	Sth Western	535	+10	...	4.7	12.8
1,446.70	Southern Elec	536	- 2	...	4.6	9.8
1,150.50	Yorkshire Elec	955	+ 7	...	4.6	10.5

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	W'kly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
32.70	Aitken Hume	54 †	+ 3	1.0	2.3	∞
22.30	BwPa	134	+14	...	3.2	10.4

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	W'kly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
38.50	Alexon	87 †	- 2	...	3.6	...
61.40	Amber Day	70	...	3.1	5.5	19.2
971.20	Argos Plc	332	+17	...	2.7	22.7
21.80	Ashley Group	15½	...	...	4.5	...
246.60	Ashley (Laura)	105	+ 1	0.1	0.1	...
234.60	Asprey	294	+ 1	5.1	2.2	20.4
30.50	Austin Reed	129	+ 4	...	3.4	...
71.90	Bentalls Cl 'A'	156	+ 7	...	4.8	15.6
44.00	Bestsalls	105	+ 4	1.9	3.3	...
295.50	Bellerware	251	+ 1	...	1.0	30.0
11.40	Blacks Leis	36 †	+ ½	2.2	7.8	...
376.30	Body Shop	301	- 9	...	1.1	25.9
105.70	Brown & Jackson	16½	+ ½	...	0.6	8.2
296.90	Brown (N)	393	+12	...	2.2	23.1
1,150.40	Burton	82	+ 2	...	3.0	...
24.10	Cantors	145	+ 5	...	3.5	19.3
37.00	Church	343	...	12.6	4.6	30.5
26.00	Clinton Cards	153	...	4.2	3.5	18.5
1,483.90	Coats Viyella	344	...	...	3.7	28.7
30.50	Colourvision a	101 †	+ 8	5.6	6.9	18.1
171.30	Courts Furnish	390	+21	5.5	1.4	23.8
2.16	Crown Eyes a	135 †	- ½	...	6.5	∞
2,108.60	Daily Farm Int	157	- 2	...	2.8	19.0
104.20	Dewhirst (JJ)	83	+ 4	1.0	1.5	26.6
686.00	Dixons Grp	258	+ 1	...	3.4	...
863.10	Dunnhill	163	+21	8.1	2.6	15.2
0.17	EDA Gp	10	...	...	...	...
6.36	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	+25	16.0	3.0	17.8
17.60	Essex Farm	154	- 7	...	2.2	26.1
175.00	Etam	268	+ 9	6.9	3.2	24.6
470.60	Fine Art Dev	502	+ 6	12.7	2.7	19.3
2.22	First Earth Tiles	39	+ 1	...	...	...
16.70	Formfitter	543	+ 5	14.0	3.2	8.7
23.30	French Conn a	147	+10	...	...	...
26.30	Gent SR	73	+ 2	2.0	3.4	21.4
14.50	Goldsmiths Gp	66	+ 2	0.7	0.8	...
201.60	GUS	3700	+75	...	1.5	29.0
5,050.40	-do- 'A'	3090	+72	...	2.7	16.3
3.83	Hampden Grps	32	+ 1	...	3.9	15.9
63.90	Hanscombe	61	+ 1	2.0	10.1	11.8
30.20	Harrison Ple	25	...	...	...	...
3.18	Heritage a	72	...	...	...	...
5.36	Honeysuckle a	69	- 2	...	1.9	9.6
30.20	Hornby	121 †	+ 2	...	2.5	17.4
11.50	Jacques Vert	68½	+17	...	12.5	...
1,448.10	Kingfisher	488	+10	...	2.2	22.5
23.90	Leslie Wise Gp	69 †	+ ½	4.0	7.2	14.3
174.40	Lyons Chem	479	+ 7	5.9	2.8	16.1
99.30	Liberty	580	...	...	7.2	1.6
314.90	Lloyds Chem	267	- 1	5.5	2.6	10.3
111.10	MFI	197½	+14	...	3.4	18.8
10,099.80	Marks Spencer	365	- 3½	...	2.8	20.0
393.60	Mercies (John)	528	+ 6	...	2.6	14.8
37.70	Moss Bros	329	...	...	3.6	26.5
252.80	Next	204	+ 3	2.5	1.5	24.4
9.10	Oliver (G)	36	+ 3	...	...	...
155.70	Oriflame Intl	262 †	- 8	...	4.1	14.3
59.00	Pentos	41	- 8	1.5	4.6	8.5
82.50	OS Hldgs	210	- 4	5.1	3.1	15.0
111.10	Ramsdn's Group	58	+ 1	...	...	...
18.20	Rhino Grps	357	+ 1	...	...	...
171.20	Sherwood Gp	154	+ 2	...	2.1	13.9
1,741.70	Sears	115	+ 2	...	3.8	...
1,330.30	Smith WH 'A'	477	+ 5	13.4	3.5	16.8
2.18	Spectateyes a	14	...	...	...	...
941.40	Storehouse	258	+ 3	...	2.7	20.5
102.90	T B & S Stores	161	+ 4	3.0	4.6	12.0
76.90	Tie Rack	149	+ 1	1.0	0.8	34.4
120.20	Time Products	228	+ 7	7.5	4.1	19.7
7.97	Usher (Frankln)	114	+ 6	...	5.5	9.0
18.70	Vivat	34	...	1.0	3.7	10.5
2.54	Wensums a	34	...	...	6.7	...
355.70	Wickes	116	+ 2	...	0.2	51.4
5.91	Wld of Leather a	99	...	...	...	...
54.80	Wyevale a	178	- 5	...	2.9	23.5
5.79	Xtra-vision a	34	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	W'kly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331.90	ACT Group	180	- 3	...	3.5	18.1
34.00	Acal a	235	- 2	...	3.4	16.4
60.70	Acorn Comps a	105	- 4	...	...	53.2
49.10	Admiral	455	+ 8	5.4	1.5	19.2
72.20	Alba	156	+ 5	...	4.0	19.1
11.30	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	...
203.40	Amstrad	75	...	0.4	...	...
14.30	App Holos a	68	- 1	...	...	...
11.10	Arlen	37	- 1	...	...	...
209.30	Aztec	68	+ 1½	...	...	1.1
23.00	Beales Hunter	243 †	+ 3	9.4	4.8	∞
4.77	Bennett & Fount	4½	...	...	...

REPORTING THIS WEEK

Market seeks security at Rentokil

CLIVE Thompson's Rentokil, the pest control to environmental services group that has been a stock market star in recent years, reports its interim trading results this week.

However, the spotlight is likely to return to its £76 million acquisition last month of Securiguard, the security group, with analysts seeking to be convinced the group did not pay top dollar.

"People will be wanting to know if Rentokil needs acquisitions to keep its 20 per cent annual profit growth going, and what underlying organic growth is," said David Allchurch at James Capel. On the trading front, the market expects Rentokil to reveal interim pre-tax profits on Thursday of between £58 million and £68 million. UBS forecasts £61 million profit, up 20 per cent on last time's figure of £51.1 million.

The broker thinks the dividend will edge up to 0.7p (0.6p). Growth is expected in the UK and US, albeit with some flatness in Continental Europe.

TODAY

There is a broad range of City forecasts, from £14 million to £25 million, for interim profits at **WPP**, the advertising agency group. This compares with profits of £14.5 million last time.

Lorna Tilbian, at Warburg, is in the middle of the range with £21.25 million. At the annual meeting in June, the company said revenues were up 5 per cent in consistent currencies. Ms Tilbian commented that analysts would be interested to see if this was being sustained.

Interims: Copymore, Finsbury Small Companies, Guinness Peat, Hibernian, Holmes Protection, WPP.
Finals: Aerospace Engineering, Stanelco.

TOMORROW

The forecasting function has been made fuzzier at **Medeva**, the drugs company, following its profits warning last month. The group said profits were likely to fall £10 million shy of existing forecasts because of stock problems at an American offshoot.

Some analysts are now pencilling in £17 million interim profits, against £14.1 million last time, with the dividend expected to nudge up from 0.75p to 1p. Mark Clark, at Nomura, is predicting full-year earnings of £42 million.
Interims: Amicable Smaller Enterprises Trust, Bournemouth Water, Bridon, Graseby, Invesco, Kerry Group, Medeva, Mersey Docks & Harbour, Monument Oil & Gas, Murray International Trust, Navan Resources, Newcastle Building Society, Riva Group, Scottish Eastern Investment Trust, Sunleigh, TR High Income Trust, Wace Group, Wates City of London Properties, West Hampshire Water.
Finals: Beatrix Mines, River & Mercantile Smaller.

WEDNESDAY

Robert Snaith, at Strauss Turnbull, expects **WH Smith**, the high street retailer, to unveil full-year taxable profits of £110 million. This is towards the top end of forecasts, which start at around £100 million and compare with profits last time of £112.7 million.

Investors are particularly interested as to what WH Smith will say about Do It All, its ill-starred joint DIY venture with Boots. WH Smith's share of losses from the business are expected to almost double, to £12 million, following robust competition from B & Q and Texas Homecare. A maintained total dividend for the year of 13.4p is predicted by NatWest Securities.

Interims: Aegis Group, Burlington Group, S Daniels, Fleming Claverhouse Investment Trust, Hemingway Properties, Hickson International, Independent Newspapers, Mayflower Corporation, Sandvik AB, The Telegraph, Victaulic, James Wilkes.
Finals: News International, Property Trust, WH Smith Group.
Economic statistics: New construction orders (June).

THURSDAY

Guardian Royal Exchange will be the latest composite insurer to re-emerge from the red. Analysts are predicting historic pre-tax profits of between £50 million and £65 million at the interim stage, after losses of £39 million last time.

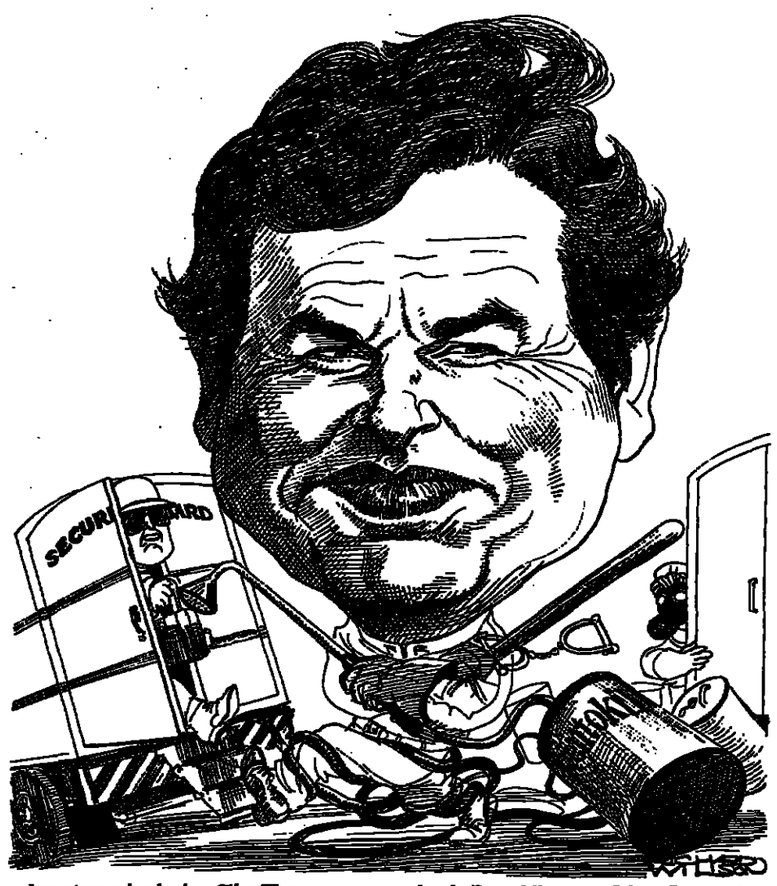
For the first time, GRE will also give a pre-tax profits figure including investment gains. NatWest Securities believes this will push up profits to £140 million and that the interim dividend will increase by 6 per cent, to 2.65p (2.5p).

Slough Estates will announce half-time profits of £33 million to £34 million, predicts David Tunstall, at Smith New Court. Last year, it made £33.6 million at the halfway stage. He believes the dividend will be 3.10p, up 5 per cent.
Interims: Bostrom, Cattle's (Holdings), Church & Co, EFT Group, Gibbs & Dandy, Guardian Royal Exchange, Hambro Countrywide, Mallett, Alfred McAlpine, Merlin International Green Investment Trust, Pentland Group, Rentokil, Slough Estates, Weir Group.
Finals: Genbel Investments, Murray Income Trust, Primadona.
Economic statistics: National accounts advance annual estimates (1992); engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (June); energy trends (June).

FRIDAY

Interims: British Assets Trust (Q3), Coutts Consulting, Lec Refrigeration, London & Overseas Freighters, Scottish Investment Trust (Q3), Shorco Group Holdings.
Finals: Minerals Oils & Resources, Surrey Group, West Trust.
Economic statistics: CBI monthly trends enquiry (August); new vehicle registrations (July).

PHILIP PANGALOS



Investors ask whether Clive Thompson can maintain Rentokil's powerful profit growth

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BTR wins £55m order from aircraft builders

BTR has won a £55 million contract from Indonesia's aircraft industry to provide parts for its new N250 64-passenger turboprop regional aircraft. Dunlop Aviation Division, part of BTR, will provide tyres, wheels, steel brakes and brake control and anti-skid systems for the aircraft, to be assembled at Bandung, Indonesia. Dunlop is working with Aircraft Braking Systems Corporation, of Akron, Ohio, on the wheels and brakes and with Magnaghi, of Italy, on brake and anti-skid systems. The contract will run for the life of the N250.
☐ BTR's US Motors Group is spending $10 million on a new factory in Michigan, employing 120 and making permanent magnet motors. BTR's Eaton Technologies will build it.

Ladbroke silent on Stein

LADBROKE Group, the hotels and bookmakers combine, is refusing to make any comment on speculation about the imminent retirement of Cyril Stein, the chairman and the man largely responsible for its existence. Mr Stein turned 65 earlier this year. It is, however, thought unlikely, contrary to City rumour, that Mr Stein will announce his retirement when Ladbroke reports its interim figures on September 2. Insiders say that Mr Stein is still fit and active and fully involved in the running of the group, and is not thought to be considering standing down.

Fake cash dispensers

FRENCH police have given warning of a network of fake automatic cash dispensers that have been rigged to steal bank cards, pin codes and money. About 100 people have been victims of the crime in Paris since April. The method involves mounting Cash dispensers with a fake slit to put the card in and a false keyboard. The real keyboard underneath does not receive the code and the customer wanders off, without money and without a card, assuming the machine has swallowed it up. The thief then returns, takes the card and the fake keyboard that has registered the code to go with it.

SA's downturn 'easing'

SOUTH Africa's underlying economic trends are only slightly better, in spite of a number of more optimistic indicators, while the decline in activity is merely levelling out, rather than being reversed, the country's reserve bank says in its annual economic report today. "Uncertainties arising from the process of constitutional negotiations, intermittent civil unrest and violence, a generally weak international economy, and the widespread drought in 1991-2 prolonged the downturn," it says. Inflation shows "very promising indications" and greater price stability may be ahead, it says.

GILTEDGED

Bull market rally moves into its fortieth month

Investors in the gilt market have enjoyed a good run. The bull market rally is now into its fortieth month, during which time ten-year gilt yields have fallen by almost one half from their peak of 13¼ per cent in April 1990. Gilt yields are at their lowest levels for 25 years, and the key question now for investors is how long can this last.

The current bull market has already run for a year longer than average. Yet there is little uniformity about the duration of bond yield cycles in the UK.

For example, after the December 1981 peak, gilt yields did not trough definitively until April 1986. Moreover, by the standards of the 1960s, when inflation was last this low, gilt yields at current levels would at that time have been viewed as being historically high.

The one regularity about all gilt market cycles is that yields have typically bottomed just before the trough in retail price inflation is recorded. Notwithstanding the long lag between the economic cycle and inflation, as the recovery in economic activity becomes more secure, the day approaches when inflation will start to pick up and, with it, gilt yields.

Indeed, after last week's slight increase in inflation from 1.2 per cent to 1.4 per cent, the consensus view now seems to be that headline inflation has passed its trough.

That may be so, but it is arguably the path of core inflation, abstracting from the distortions caused by changes in mortgage rates, which should be more important for gilt market investors. Core inflation has been on a steady downward trend since late 1990 and yet ever since Britain left the ERM last September, most forecasters have been hesitant about projecting a continuing fall.

This is surprising given the clear historical evidence that inflation pressures in the UK tend to diminish for as long as there is a considerable degree of slack in the economy, as there surely still is.

Nowhere is this innate pessimism on inflation more evident than in the Bank of England's own inflation report. The August report contained

> 'The only serious black cloud on the horizon is the worryingly high level of the PSBR'

lower projections than those in May, but this represented little more than a response to the better than expected outturn over the past three months.

In each of the three inflation reports published, the Bank has been reluctant to forecast a further improvement in inflation from prevailing levels, and in each case this has been proved too pessimistic. More generally, the trend is still for forecasters to lower inflation projections.

With core inflation at about 3 per cent in the UK and unlikely to move significantly higher over the next two years, real yields of about 4 per cent still seem high, especially with real yields in the US, Germany and Japan all within a range of 2.5-3.5 per cent. Higher real yields in the UK could be attributable to continued pessimism about long-term UK inflation prospects. If so, there is probably still be scope for gilt yields to move lower over the next few months.

The only serious black cloud on the horizon is the worryingly high level of the PSBR. Further action to reduce the PSBR is required in the Budget, but the room for manoeuvre is very limited. The existing public spending plans are already very tough for 1994-5 and beyond, and realistically there is little scope for these to be pared back.

Yet the right wing of the Conservative party seems quite capable of causing difficulties for the government if the Chancellor goes too far on taxes. It must be tempting politically for the prime minister and Chancellor to conclude that it is best to leave well alone in the Budget and hope that the PSBR falls faster than everyone expects, especially as some undershoot is likely in the current year.

Fiscal inaction would be disappointing for the gilt market. But the Budget is still three months off and no final decisions on its content will yet have been reached.

Meanwhile, in the absence of negative inflation surprises or a major correction in global bond markets, gilts are likely to continue to fare well.

DAVID WALTON
Goldman Sachs International

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5100 (+0.0518)
German mark
2.5379 (+0.0393)
Exchange index
81.5 (+1.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2384.1 (+23.4)
FT-SE 100
3057.6 (+47.5)
New York Dow Jones
3615.48 (+45.83)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
20607.26 (137.91)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 32

EMILIA
(b) Iago's wife, a simple soul whose affection is reserved not for her husband but for her mistress, Desdemona. As the action of the play progresses, this affection drives her to stand up to Othello, to a general disgust with men's treatment of women, and finally to hysterical frenzy when she discovers Iago's treachery and Othello's guilt.

LUCIUS
(a) In *Timon of Athens*, a false friend of Timon's whose excuse for not lending him money is that he has unfortunately spent it all the day before: "What a wicked beast I was to disfurnish myself against such a good time, when I might ha' shown myself honourable."

POLIXENES
(a) In the first act of *The Winter's Tale*, Polixenes is a young and personable king, visiting his childhood friend, Leontes, and making polite, innocent conversation with Queen Hermione, only to be accused of adultery and forced to flee for his life. In the second half of the play, 16 years later, he is a father furious that his son (Florizel) is in love with a shepherdess.

AEGEON
(c) *The Comedy of Errors*, an aged, sad old man. At the start of the play, he explains at excessive length how his sons were parted as babies in a shipwreck. At the end of the play he is reunited with both of them and with his long-lost wife, the abbess.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
White sacrificed his queen to give a beautiful checkmate. 1 Qxd4! cxd4 2 Rf7+ Kh8 3 Nxg6+ Kg8 4 Rg7.

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Enforcers battle to bring the market manipulators to book

Convictions for City crimes are frustratingly low. An SIB initiative may be the only way to more effective policing, Angela Mackay argues

Consider the following scenario. A client who is well-known to and, more importantly, friendly with several stockbroking houses every couple of weeks embarks on a seemingly random buying and selling spree. The punter mostly buys shares in just one company and always in the last two days of the account period. If one were to monitor his telephone calls we would find that when he buys shares he asks his broker to book them in one account and then sells them and immediately buys another chunk and books the new parcel in a different account. He repeats this pattern with several brokers. What our punter is doing is creating an artificial market in these shares using a technique called "cashing and newing", while deferring payment until the end of the next account.

Observers will assume there is steady, widespread interest in the company and that the share price is stronger than it is. A floor has been put under the share price, which he could whip away at any time, leaving his fellow shareholders to bear the cost of a sharp dive in the price.

The sharebuyer is a market manipulator who is as difficult to catch in the act as a gambler who counts cards, and it is these patterns of behaviour and their consequences that make up a large proportion of the investigations carried out by the Stock Exchange surveillance team. Public awareness of insider trading came after films such as *Wall Street* and the trials of Ivan Boesky and Robert Milken in America. Market manipulation is more difficult to identify and almost impossible to pin down. The above scenario is loosely based on the Leonard Lee case, but Mr Lee, former chairman of Poddington, is one of the few successful prosecutions under section 47 the Financial Services Act.

Mike Feltham, who leads the stock exchange surveillance unit, says: "In 95 per cent of the unit's cases we cannot compile sufficient evidence to prosecute but we never close those files."

Mr Feltham's 19-strong unit works on between ten and 20 cases at one time, but has between ten and 60 new ones referred to it each week from inside and outside the exchange. They pick over hundreds of transactions a month, but only a small proportion of these warrant further enquiry.

What particularly concerns Mr Feltham and his team is the growing effect of secondary markets on the cash market and how options and futures can be a remote but effective means of market manipulation. Secondary markets are regulated by the Securities and Futures Authority not the exchange and the SFA's focus is on the member/client relationship not the operation of the market.

Recent amendments to the Criminal Justice Act bringing Britain's laws on insider trading within an EC directive are expected to widen the basis of prosecution and make convictions more difficult to obtain. Mr Feltham thinks the legislation may make life harder for those who operate within the letter of the law and easier for those who want to break it. Under the new law, the prosecution must prove criminal intent to obtain a conviction.



Mike Feltham finds insufficient evidence in 95 per cent of cases

In May, Paul Myners chairman of Gartmore, the investment group, called for a radical review of insider dealing. He accused the stock market of being superficial in its investigations and said he was concerned that "theft is taking place doing a great deal of damage to confidence in our financial institutions". Mr Myners told *The Times* that the exchange should "really put the frighteners on people". Most brokers and other market participants have a pattern of behaviour that is easily tracked, he said, and when that pattern is broken then the exchange should take an active interest.

Among institutional investors, the practice of "front running" is also causing concern. Front running is where market-makers take a position in a company just before the release of a strong buy or sell note from the house analyst. Naturally, the position assumed is favourable to the house book.

Mr Myners said he was annoyed that there is such blatant abuse in the City and believes Mr Feltham's unit should pursue the practitioners of front running much more vigorously.

In America, front running is a criminal offence. In Britain, it is sanctioned by SFA rules. Under these rules, it is possible to adjust a book position to facilitate client needs.

One market-maker said he was not bothered by front running. "Even if we are not told a day in advance what might be in the note, the entire trading floor is told over the loud speaker at least one hour before the note hits the street. It's only natural that we should know what our own analysts are saying before the rest of the world."

Market-makers, on the other hand, are concerned that the screws may be tightened too much. The draft of Part 5 of the Criminal Justice Act, which is yet to be implemented, was amended in response to City fears that the law would interfere with market operations. One market-maker suggested that if control was too rigorous, market volatility could be increased. "Finance directors and other senior executives who brief brokers are becoming increasingly tight-lipped, making it very difficult for the market to keep abreast. This could lead to more shocks when bad news hits the market," he added.

Despite complaints about City surveillance, there is almost unanimous belief in self-regulation. David Manning, director of equities at Legal & General, believes the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the body for City regulators, and the exchange should have greater powers of enforcement. "It's a matter of pitting the law courts against self-regulation. Courts are expensive, time-consuming and, in cases of insider trading and market manipulation, likely to be unsuccessful at obtaining conviction," he said.

Certainly, the number of convictions has been frustratingly low. In the first ten years after insider dealing became an offence in 1980, the exchange referred 180 cases to the trade and industry department. Of these, 26 came to court and ten convictions were obtained. Based on Mr Feltham's estimate that 95 per cent of his investigations stall for lack of crucial evidence, the number of referrals to the DTI could have been well over 3,000.

The Blue Arrow affair concentrated many minds. A compliance officer at one of the City's biggest stockbroking houses said: "I would say vigilance has increased ten-fold in the wake of Blue Arrow. I investigate and refer many more matters than before, but there is still a feeling that this does little to bring an offender to book."

If the SIB and the exchange have their way, they will have greater powers of detection and enforcement of the sort David Manning has advocated.

In his review of financial services regulation, Andrew Large, SIB's chairman, points out that there is no point in having a "macho" SIB unless it has the ability to be an enforcer. Mr Large spoke of giving greater priority to prosecutions in the hope that this would provide a deterrent. He promised to use SIB's powers under sections 59 and 60 of the Financial Services Act, which ban individuals from the industry and publicly criticise. Neither of these powers has yet been used. "I have found a number of commentators now suggesting there should be a central 'policeman' in the City to oversee a variety of areas, eg, fraud, market manipulation, and insider dealing ... SIB would clearly be a candidate for such a role, and should be ready to contemplate taking on additional responsibilities," Mr Large said.

That "central policeman" has also been referred to by Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman of the exchange. Mr Feltham says a central enforcement agency would be welcome, but to set it up on its own would take legislation.

A central enforcement agency is not on any political agenda, so an SIB initiative is likely to be the only way of establishing a body to draw information from self-regulators together and produce more effective policing, enforcement and prosecution. Mr Myners suggested the press should do its bit and publish the "most suspicious share movement of the week". We are still trying to revive our in-house lawyer after putting the idea to him.

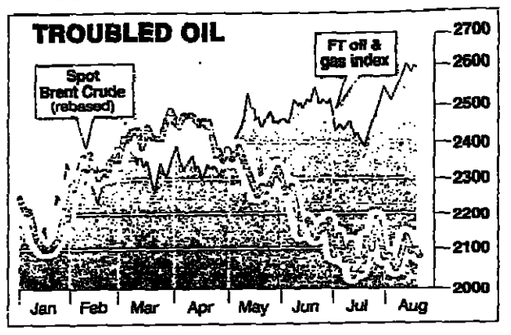
TEMPUS

Sticky time for oil

FEARS that Iraq will resume oil exports dealt a blow to the oil price in July but the prospect of an initial 500,000 barrels per day is merely an added worry to a market already suffering from excess production.

Prices have not recovered to their pre-June level of $18.50 per barrel and are now trailing below $17. Opec needs to cut output at its September meeting but some sceptical analysts are already pencilling in a dip in the price to $15 for the fourth quarter.

Opec is pumping out almost 1 million barrels a day in excess of the quota ceiling and the club has the sticky job of reining in oil output at a time when some members are demanding increased quotas. Added to that is the problem of agreeing a level for Kuwait, the production of which is not subject to quota but is expected to rise to more than 2 million bpd as the oil price declines. Past attempts by Opec producers to grab a bigger market share have been thwarted by the Saudis but times have changed. The kingdom's finances have been stretched by the Gulf war, leaving the prospect of Saudi Arabia gleefully pumping oil into a falling price less credible.



Depressed crude prices have not prevented major oil stocks from enjoying a bull run and outperforming the market as a whole since the beginning of the year. Much of the rise in the sector average has to do with market hopes for the recovery of two heavily weighted companies: BP, despite its sensitivity to crude prices, and British Gas, which has been buoyed by its high yield and speculation ahead of the MMC reports. Exploration and production specialists have lagged behind but many are still trading at premiums to net asset value and the market has not fully taken on board the likely effect of an Opec deadlock at next month's meeting.

Investors in energy stocks need to think laterally. One strategy is to stop dwelling on crude oil prices and buy into gas-rich companies, such as Shell. Gas has no big spot market; its price is based on long-term supply agreements negotiated between gas E&P companies and national distributors. Demand for gas, a clean fuel, is rising worldwide and few companies have the technology and cash to invest in the plants and vessels needed to transport liquified natural gas. Environmental concerns should also lead investors to consider refining prospects. Some 15 per cent of European refining capacity will need to be upgraded or shut down by 1997 if EC directives on clean fuel are enforced. The costs of upgrading are almost prohibitive and refining capacity is likely to shrink by at least 5 per cent, with those left reaping the reward of a doubling of margins from their currently depressed $2.50 per barrel.

European stocks offer the best route into better refining margins. Companies most likely to benefit from reduced capacity without incurring big clean-up costs are Austria's OMV and Spain's Repsol.

Japan

JAPANESE financial markets are at a crossroads. For the past two months, share prices have been building a solid base for the Nikkei index to break decisively back up through 21,000, after two previous attempts failed early in May and June.

Foreign buying, especially from America, has played a part. There lies the conundrum, for much of the appeal to overseas portfolio investors has lain in the rising yen. Thursday's somewhat surprising intervention by the New York Fed, if it really proves good for Japanese corporate profits, must remove that appeal for the moment.

The authorities bought dollars in the wake of a tumble on the announcement of America's worst monthly trade gap since 1987 — much of it statistically accounted for by trade with Japan. But the US Treasury explained its support of the dollar/yen rate in terms of G7 solidarity.

Stopping Japan's recovery and import power going into reverse was more important than gaining a further price advantage for American goods. If believed, that suggests a greater commitment to co-operate with the Bank of Japan in halting the yen's rise decisively than would be entailed by mere short-term cooling of an overheated market.

Whatever the long-term tide of economic reality, this could stop the yen becoming interchangeable with an American cent at least until the turn of the forex merry-go-round. Meanwhile, foreigners' exchange gains on Japanese bonds and equities could quickly become prospective losses somewhat worse than last week's.

Back in Tokyo, that would be good news long overdue. While share prices have been recovering from their drop of more than 50 per cent in 1990-92, corporate profits are under the cosh so that price/earnings ratios are almost back to silly boomtime levels. Commonsensically, the corporate sector needs a sustained exchange rate above 110 yen to the dollar to begin to justify even current prices.

That has not stopped the Nikkei before, with or without foreigners. What is not clear is whether the old managed market mechanism that made asset prices an independent force has survived politico-financial disgrace and reform. Friday's initial reaction to the supposed yen reversal was a moderate fall but stock market unrealities should reassert themselves.

Cadbury

CADBURY Schweppes certainly put some fizz into the market with its purchase of a further 20 per cent stake in Dr Pepper/Seven-Up, the American carbonated drinks manufacturer.

While Cadbury shares initially rose 7p, those of mooted Cadbury takeover target United Biscuits fell by 8p. However, UB must be relieved that the City can now strike at least one of its many speculated predators off the list.

The rise in Cadbury's share price looks justified. Before the deal Cadbury had only a meagre 3.4 per cent of the all-important $47 billion American soft drinks market. It now owns a quarter of a company that accounts for more than 10 per cent.

It has gained that foothold at a reasonable price. The $231 million purchase, equivalent to $19 a share, was only a 9.4 per cent premium to the market price. It could not have acquired UB so cheaply. Medium-term debt will rise, but gearing is still only 43 per cent and interest is covered 7 times.

BUSINESS LETTER

Bank limits on working capital frustrate small firms

From Mr Christopher Smith

Sir, It is generally accepted and indeed proving to be the case that this country's smaller businesses are leading us out of the recession through their growth and thereby assisting in the reduction of the high level of unemployment by employing some of the vast pool of wasting talent and experience.

Our experience is similar to that expressed in the letters column last week.

We established in 1986 and through good practice achieved turnover increases in the order of 50 per cent year on year. That was until last year, which was disastrous and set us back four years in terms of turnover and even more in profit.

However, we survived and the turnover point came last November. Since then we are on target for our best turnover since 1986 and will exceed £100,000. Margins are still exceptionally tight in this very competitive sector. Our staffing level has naturally had to increase to enable us to achieve this and all the new members were taken from the current unemployment register locally. They have proved not only to be highly skilled but loyal and conscientious.

However we as well are greatly restricted and frustrated by too little working capital for this level of turnover. In addition we also bear prohibitive and punitive charges by the bank.

Currently we have a £12,000 working overdraft limit. We really require twice this level to function properly and make further steady growth. This request is consistently refused by the bank even though there is more than sufficient collateral to secure it. Furthermore our current overdraft is reviewed on a monthly basis whilst this business is planning and quoting for works up to 12 and 18 months hence.

Our bank charges for the first six months of this year are almost £3,000 compared with just over £2,000 for the whole of the last year and under £1,000 for the year before.

This situation is caused by punitive charges levied for being in excess of the agreed limit, which it is admitted is far too low. What are we to do: refuse the additional business which we can well cope with and lay off staff, thereby increasing the unemployment register again?

It leads me to believe there is a vested interest by the banks in keeping working capital low solely for the purpose of generating additional charges.

Andrew Buxton, chairman of Barclays Bank, stated at the announcement of the bank's half-year results that he was "concerned" about customer confidence and relations.

I suggest he talks to small businesses and also checks to see how many of them have moved and are moving away from the clearing bank system and are making alternative arrangements with the building societies. These people will never return. The cost savings far outweigh the small inconvenience and the counter staff attitude and continuity is quite refreshing.

After all, a business survives only on its customers. The customer is the only one that pays the wages. No business can run without them. Lose them and you have a very severe problem indeed.

Yours sincerely,
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Back in business — in Hong Kong

PETER Green, former head of international operations at James Capel, has resurfaced in Hong Kong — four months after the stockbroker was rocked by three top-level resignations, including his own. He has joined Morgan Grenfell, with responsibility for international sales of Asian products, in particular Thailand and Indonesia. Based initially in Hong Kong, he will also take on the task of building up the firm's London-based sales desk, and is to establish a sales desk in New York. Green, together with James Fergusson, then Capel managing director, and John Webster, head of the New York office, resigned in April after an investigation into the collapse of New Europe Hotels (NEH), a venture capital company that aimed to invest in hotels in the former communist bloc. Capel, which placed two tranches of NEH shares and had two seats on the board, felt obliged to pay up to £16 million in compensation to investors. The firm has never revealed the reason for the resignations, but speculation focused on the failure of NEH, which went into liquidation last year. Green was in charge of the New York office at the time of the NEH placings. Bob Benton, former head of UK institutional equities at Capel, was promoted to managing director after the three departures. Duncan Agar became head of international operations, excluding Europe, and Peter Maynard was made president of James Capel New York.



"Flotation is not until October Miss Jenkins"

Running for cover

WORKPLACE violence is on the rise in America, with more and more anxious employees now lashing out at their bosses with unexpected physical abuse, at least according to Pinkertons, whose own executives appear to be among the few unworried by the new trend. For the security firm, it means big business. Halsey Fisher, the firm's vice-president, says requests for protection from top executives have jumped by 75 per cent this year. The firm, which has just surveyed America's 100 top companies, discovered that violence in the workplace now ranks sixth on a list of directors' biggest worries. Two years ago it wasn't even on the list. Banking executives have traditionally been most at risk, but Pinkertons says executives in all sectors are now worried. Executive bathrooms are being turned into fire-proof, bullet-proof "safe rooms", drivers are doubling up as bodyguards, and mobile "panic buttons" are being installed. General Motors has set up a guard house outside the Michigan home of Jack Smith, its chief executive. Ford, meanwhile, provides its chief executive, Harold Poling, with a special "escape route" from all public events.

Holiday job

SPARE a thought for stockbrokers at Panmure Gordon. Next bank holiday Monday, they will be coming in to the deserted Square Mile to help in the move to new City premises at 35 New Broad Street, EC2. Panmure, now based off Moorfields, has been looking for different premises for well over a year. "These were too good to miss. They are upgraded premises at a lower rental," one insider says. The loss of a bank holiday, it seems, is not too high a price to pay. "This way we will be up and running at the new premises first thing on Tuesday the 31st," says another.

HYPERBOLE reigned in last week's note about Deryck Maughan's riches. Maughan, the Durham coalminer's son who heads Salomon Brothers Inc, has been making $10,000 a day on paper from his Salomon shares, giving him a gain of $200,000 in 20 days.

Master of all

AS HIS recently published autobiography reveals, Lord Goodman has led a full and varied life. Equally diverse is the list of his directorships. These include Triangle Arts Trust, Bury Street Holdings, Epsom Grand Stand Association, Hazlitt Holdings, Henry Greaves & Co, Institute of Jewish Affairs, Henry Moore Foundation, J C Trust, J M Stone & Company, Motability Race Course Holdings, Sandown Park Ltd, and the Trebor Trust Company ... Clearly a jack, and a master, of all trades.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (72205)
7.00 Breakfast News (44143052)
9.05 Hangar 17. Fun for children (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4483897) **9.35 All About Us.** Sarah Greene presents highlights from *Going Live!* (s) (2621168)
10.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1699014) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3514781) **10.25 Lassie** Canine adventures (r) (5517675)
11.00 News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8076101) **11.05 *The High Chaparral*** (r) (5946897) **11.55 For the Love of It.** The Fever, a country music group, is motivated by passion rather than profit (9904439)
12.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5392656) **12.05 Pop Goes the Summer.** Ross King talks to the singer Julio Iglesias (s) (2020588) **12.25 UK Summer Special Olympics.** Nick Owen presents coverage from Sheffield (8051052) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (71024762)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Edward Stourton (Ceefax) Weather (21323)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (80778588)
1.50 Going for Gold with Henry Kelly (s) (80772304)
2.15 For the Term of His Natural Life. The first of a three-part Australian drama (r). (Ceefax) (669101)
3.45 Bazaar. Tips on sewing, taking the financial pain out of divorce, swimming and cooking (s) (5746255)
4.10 Children's BBC: The Adventures of Skippy (s) (2790149) **4.35 Toxic Crusaders** (r). (Ceefax) (3608323) **5.00 Newsround** (2804439) **5.10 The Lowdown** on drugs (r). (Ceefax) (3540472)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (309168). **Northern Ireland**: Inside Ulster (309168)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Moira Stuart (Ceefax) Weather (410)
6.30 Regional news magazines (762). **Northern Ireland**: Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Hunters in the Wild: Whistling Hunters. Dholes, or Indian wild dogs, are expert trackers in the pursuit of prey (r). (Ceefax) (5236)



It's been grand: Brian Clough (7.30pm)

7.30 Goodbye to Cloughie. (Ceefax) See Choice (946)
8.00 Food and Drink Choice Cuts. Chris Kelly introduces highlights from *Food and Drink* (1656)
8.30 Waiting for God. In the last in the series, Tom and Diana help Sarah to have her baby. With Graham Crowden and Stephanie Cole (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3491)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (1255)
9.30 Panorama: The Whole Truth. Gerry Northam investigates the recent trend in the British justice system to protect the accused in criminal cases (971694)
10.10 Blott on the Landscape. The concluding episode of Tom Sharpe's comic novel (r). (Ceefax) (845830). **Northern Ireland**: Gordonali (225052); 10.50-11.45 Blott on the Landscape (489323)
11.05 Come Dancing 1993. Britain v Holland. (Ceefax) (s) (143304). **Northern Ireland**: 11.45-12.20am Come Dancing 1993 (910633)
11.40 Making Advances: See You in Court. In the last of five films on sexual harassment at work, Emma Freud offers advice on legal action (937168)
12.10am Cricket: Sixth Test Highlights (s) (1494724)
12.50 Weather (6063569). Ends at **12.55. Northern Ireland.** 12.20 Making Advances (1953434). 12.50-1.30 Cricket. Sixth Test (3085163)

BBC2

7.10 Open University. Animal Physiology Breathing Deeply (7912052) **7.35** Putting IT in its Place (3020385)
8.00 Breakfast News (4696217)
8.15 Ghostwriter: To Catch a Creep. The first of a four-part story set in Brooklyn (r) (s) (1243033)
8.40 Miniature Worlds. A family of ducklings follow their mother down to the pond. Beneath the surface lurks a host of miniature monsters (r) (2179439)
8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathé News from 1953 (2168323)
9.00 Film: Housekeeper's Daughter (1939, b/w) starring Joan Bennett and Adolphe Menjou. Crime caper in which a gangster's moll goes home to mother and becomes embroiled in solving a murder. Directed by Hal Roach (1352236)
10.20 Summer Praise. Pam Rhodes is on board HMS Victory as the Queen visits Southampton docks as part of the 175th anniversary celebrations of the British Sailor's Society (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5516946)
10.55 Cricket: Sixth Test. From the Oval, Tony Lewis introduces the final day's play between England and Australia (s) (59550878)
1.00 In the Making. A profile of blacksmith Ivan Smith (r) (21848217)
1.20 Johnson and Friends. Cartoon (r) (75294025) **1.30 King Rollo** Animation (r) (93389304)
1.35 Cricket: Sixth Test. Further coverage from the Oval (s) (25577435). Including at **2.00, 3.00** and **3.50 News.** (Ceefax) and weather
6.30 Summer Wildlife. David Attenborough unravels the mysteries of the mole's secret way of life (r). (Ceefax) (304)
7.00 Gardeners' World (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3878)



Live from London: Mariss Jansons (7.30pm)

7.30 BBC Proms – Live. Introduced by James Naughtie from the Albert Hall, London. The Oslo Philharmonic, conducted by Mariss Jansons, performs Schnittke's *(Not) a Midsummer Night's Dream*. The orchestra is joined by the Japanese virtuoso Midori in a rendition of Tchaikovsky's *Violin Concerto*. After the interval, the concert ends with Strauss's *Alpine Symphony*. A simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3 (s) (61626694)
9.50 Albert Memorial. The monument's decay and future (r) (360946)
10.00 KYTV: Speak for Yourself. Last in the satirical comedy series by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins, set in a satellite television station. With Philip Pope, Helen Atkinson Wood and Michael Fenton Stevens (r) (s) (14694)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (766174)
11.15 Edinburgh Nights. Kirsty Wark presents highlights from the Edinburgh Festival (s) (154410)
11.55 Weather (359526)
12.00 A Europe of the Regions? A comparison between Sheffield and Lille (r) (s) (2433569). Ends at **12.55**

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CHOICE

Goodbye to Cloughie
BBC1, 7.30pm

This is a kindly portrait of Britain's longest-serving football manager, who retired this year as his club, Nottingham Forest, was humiliatingly relegated from the Premier League. The young interviewer, Paul McCrea, gets precisely nowhere when it comes to questioning Clough about a damning newspaper article of his recent performance. Yet because the raddled-looking Clough is such a character, even his stone-walling is amusing: at one stage he effectively halts all sensible conversation by saying an elaborate "hello" to McCrea's young "bairn". Clough is more candid about past rows with people in the business and the programme is fleshed out with tributes from admirers including the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke.

Travellers' Tales: Into the Land of Oz
Channel 4, 9.00pm

An inspiring series comes to an end with a repeat of Howard Jacobson's drive through Australia from the southern town of Glenelg to Darwin in the north. An intelligent and humorous observer, he looks for opals in a mining town and makes fun of his own macho aspirations of camping in the Bush. He is at his most interesting talking about the way in which Aboriginal culture is being made palatable for white tourists. Ayers Rock was returned to the Aborigines only to be leased back so that white holidaymakers could climb up it. Meanwhile, a white tour operator shows his flock how to throw a boomerang at an Aborigine who is jumping like a kangaroo.



Medvedkin's film-train diaries of life (C4, 11.00pm)

The Last Bolshevik
Channel 4, 11.00pm

Chris Marker's labour of love looks at the life and times of a neglected Russian film-maker, Alexander Medvedkin, who died in 1989. The programme shows that there were worse fates than being neglected, for Medvedkin's heyday was during Stalin's reign of terror. A devoted communist, he still created controversial films. His 1934 satire, *Happiness*, had a peasant hero, but one who behaved outrageously. Medvedkin also established a "film-train", which travelled the country recording the work of collective farms and factories. Without meaning to, he revealed the country's disarray. A film-maker himself, Marker at times assumes a fair degree of cinematic knowledge from the viewer. The editing, which juxtaposes movie clips with historical footage, is both brilliant and occasionally confusing.

Frank Stubbs Promotes
ITV, 9.00pm

The last in this consistently enjoyable comedy-drama series sees Timothy Spall as endearing as ever in the role of the never-give-up promoter. Very nearly stealing the show however is Hywel Bennett playing Stubbs's new client, Clive Riley, a gloriously sinister prisoner turned novelist. Riley's book is a highly sellable jail story which leaves little to the imagination. The problems come when Riley gets too close to Stubbs's niece: is he a trustworthy escort? In a particularly well-structured episode, Stubbs confronts not only this worry, but also his relationship with his former wife and whether, finally, he should admit defeat in his business. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV presented by Michael Wilson and Lorraine Kelly (4633694)
9.25 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers. Cartoon (r) (5149897) **9.50 London Today** (2956859)
9.55 Anna – Ballerina. Anna wins a scholarship (r) (s) (5706675) **10.55 News** headlines (6364120)
11.00 James Bond Jr. Animated adventures (6381897) **11.25 Win, Lose or Draw.** Danny Baker presents the celebrity game show (6351656) **11.55 London Today** (9999507)
12.00 Cartoon (7350014) **12.10 Tots TV.** For the very young (r) (s) (2045897)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Julia Somerville. (Teletext) Weather (8692323) **1.05 London Today** (84481255)
1.15 Home and Away. (Teletext) (771965)
1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (770236)
2.15 London Wildlife Challenge. Chris Packham and Tony Hare try to match a spectrum of vibrant colours with London's wildlife (r) (s) (762217)
2.45 Families. Anglo-Australian soap (3165675) **3.10 News** headlines (1741052) **3.15 London Today** (1740323)
3.20 The Young Doctors. Dennis has trouble living with Ada (2445859)
3.50 Children's ITV: Krankies Television (r) (6627217) **4.15 The Real Ghostbusters.** Cartoon fun (r) (2784588) **4.40 Don't Try This at Home.** Highlights from the 1991 World Cinema Stunt Festival in Toulouse (r) (8992728)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2887052)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (995014)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster (36304)
7.00 Jimmy's. Last in the series of real-life stories from St James's University Hospital in Leeds (s) (7584)
7.30 Coronation Street. Kevin's news adds to Sally's traumatic holiday. With Sally Whittaker and Michael Le Vell. (Teletext) (994)
8.00 Wheel of Fortune. Nicky Campbell and Carol Smillie present the giant game of roulette (9052)
8.30 World in Action: Welcome to Britain. A candid film by an undercover reporter, posing as an Italian tourist in London, to determine the experience of foreign visitors to Britain (s) (5859)

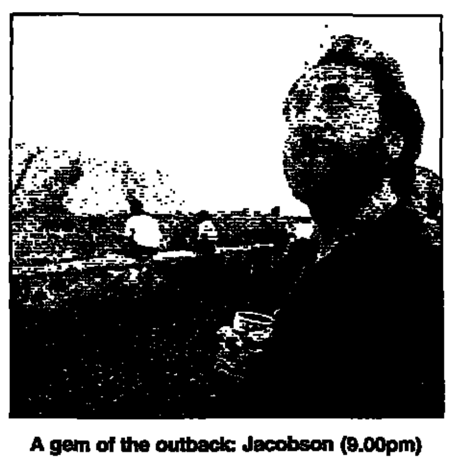


Too close for comfort: Bennett, Spall (9.00pm)

9.00 Frank Stubbs Promotes. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (8897)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (84520) **10.30 London Tonight** (130033)
10.40 Sport in Question. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves are joined by cricketer Dennis Lillee and sports presenter Jim Rosenthal (s) (114507)
11.40 Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93. The 12th race in the series from Elkhart Lake in Wisconsin (246965)
12.40 The Beat. Music from Curve, Bivouac, US 3 and Voodoo Queens. Clint Eastwood's film, *In the Line of Fire*, is reviewed (s) (5260231)
1.40 Sport AM. The formula one powerboat championship, water-skiing and soccer (5949347)
2.40 60 Minutes. American news magazine (7143366)
3.30 Videofashion. International designers (43144)
4.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (64637)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (48540)
5.00 Riviera. French drama series (28298)
5.30 ITN Morning News (26279). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Feline cartoon (1753878)
6.45 Wowser. Animated canine adventures (1969033)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (11946)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. American high school comedy drama (28897)
9.30 Star Street. Zodiac cartoon series (r) (2615507)
9.55 Kid 'n' Play. Cartoon (r) (2623526)
10.25 Kelly. Police dog tales (r) (2966236)
10.55 The Adventures of Tintin. Captain Haddock and Tintin help to launch a rocket to the moon (1388912)
11.20 The Henderson Kids. Australian family drama series. The police investigate bird-smuggling in Westport (r) (6383255)
11.50 Un Point C'est Tout. Claude Rocher's animated short on perspective (7827878)
12.00 High 5. Extreme sporting action (r) (34043)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series with Ziggy Marley and Robin Williams (r) (61781)
1.30 Bobobobs. Environmental adventures in outer-space (r) (58526)
2.00 Film: Much Too Shy (1942, b/w) starring George Formby. Talkative farce in which a village handyman's portraits of three women are sold to an advertising agency, but not before they receive a few saucy additions. With Kathleen Harrison, Hilda Bayley and Eileen Bennett. Directed by Marcel Varnel (823897)
3.40 A Dog's Life. A cartoon on canine loyalty (r) (7398014)
3.55 Garden Club. A repeat of Friday's programme on old plant varieties. (Teletext) (9730781)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (r) (255)
5.00 Presque Isle. A documentary about the attempt by the US Corps of Engineers to stop the sandspit-peninsula Presque Isle in Lake Erie from moving eastwards at a rate of 17 metres each year (r) (7217)
6.00 Batman: Smack in the Middle. Concluding a two-part story from the 1960s. The Riddler holds Robin hostage to lure Batman into a trap. Starring Adam West, Burt Ward and Jill St John (120)
6.30 The Wonder Years. American comedy series (r). (Teletext) (472)
7.00 Channel 4 News presented by Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (313033)
7.50 Comment. Paul Everitt believes that the only way to avoid traffic jams is to build more roads (940385)
8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. *Mike warns Peter to stay away from Beth.* (Teletext) (s) (7694)
8.30 Evening Shade: Busted. American comedy about a retired footballer, starring Burt Reynolds. Ava (Marilu Henner) is forced to close down the local strip joint where her future mother-in-law (Linda Gehringer) is the lead attraction (s) (6101)



A gem of the outback: Jacobson (9.00pm)

9.00 Travellers' Tales: Into the Land of Oz (r) (Teletext) See Choice (6439)
10.00 I'll Fly Away. Drama series set in America's Deep South starring Sam Waterston and Regina Taylor. (Teletext) (s) (9526)
11.00 Film: The Last Bolshevik (1993, b/w). See Choice (33749526). Ends at **1.15am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S. (5149897) **1.05pm-1.15** Anglia News (84481255) **2.15** An Invitation to Remember (762217) **2.45-3.10** Families (3165675) **5.10-5.40** Champions (2887052) **6.00** Home and Away (782743) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (657694) **10.30** Anglia News (130033) **10.40** Indycar '93 (114507) **11.40** Crime Story (246965) **12.40am** Kojak (1973502) **1.35** Sport AM (5940076) **2.35** Donahue (7146453) **3.25** The Beat (6255250) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17427366) **4.30** Riviera (33573231) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6609144)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.25am Ferdinand the Bull and Mickey (5149897) **1.05pm** Central News (84481255) **1.15** A Country Practice (771965) **1.45** Home and Away (770236) **2.15** Right or Wrong (762217) **2.45-3.10** Families (3165675) **3.20-3.50** Deepwater Haven (2445659) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2887052) **6.00** Home and Away (782743) **6.25-7.00** Central News (657694) **10.30** Central News (130033) **10.40** Film. Weekend of Terror (3970269) **12.00am** Film. Stunts Unlimited (8961927) **1.20** The Beat (2277547) **2.20** Musical Routes (9839618) **2.55** *60 Minutes* (6716786) **3.45** Jobfinder (6728694) **5.05** Take 15 (6802502) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9580182)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.25am Zorro (5149897) **1.05pm-1.15** HTV News (84481255) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (762217) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (36304) **10.30** HTV News (130033) **10.40** The Andy Sheppard Wrap (327033) **11.10** The War of the Worlds (278439) **12.05am** The Twilight Zone (1408927) **12.40** Kojak (1973502) **1.35** Sport AM (5940076) **2.35** Donahue (7146453) **3.25** The Beat (6255250) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17427366) **4.30** Riviera (33573231) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6609144)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales at Six (878) **6.30-7.00** Primetime (830) **10.40-11.10** Love at First Sight (327033)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.25am The Haunted School (5149897) **1.05pm-1.15** Meridian News and Weather (84481255) **2.15-2.45** Dining in France (762217) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2445859) **5.37-5.40** Boredom Busters (440255) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (878) **6.30-7.00** Going for Gold (830) **10.30** Meridian News (130033) **10.40** Billy (327033) **11.10** Film. The Hunters (785052) **12.40am-1.40** The Beat (5260231) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (28298)

TYNE-TEES

As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S (5149897) **1.05pm** Tyne Tees News (68549192) **1.10-1.15** Lookaround (61799615) **1.45** Murder, She Wrote (7996897) **2.35** Help Yourself (5914217) **2.40-2.45** Five Minutes (5904830) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (310526) **6.30-7.00** Robson's People (830) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (130033) **10.40** Champions. Where Are They Now? (327033) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (278439) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (6806415) **12.35** Film. The Bit Player (797076) **2.25** Entertainment UK (7575347) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (6255250) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (7792618)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.25am The Haunted School (5149897) **1.45** The Young Doctors (770236) **2.15** Gardening Time (762217) **2.45-3.10** Families (3165675) **3.15** Westcountry Latest (1740323) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2445659) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (36304) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (327033) **11.10** Island Son (907439). **12.10am** The Twilight Zone (6805786) **12.40** Kojak (1973502) **1.35** Sport A.M. (5940076) **2.35** Donahue (7146453) **3.25** The Beat (6255250) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17427366) **4.30** Riviera (33573231) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6609144)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S. (5149897) **1.05pm-1.15** Calendar News (84481255) **1.45** Murder, She Wrote (7996897) **2.35** Help Yourself (5914217) **2.40-2.45** Five Minutes (5904830) **5.55** Calendar (310526) **6.30-7.00** It's a Vet's Life (830) **10.30** Calendar News (130033) **10.40** Champions. Where Are They Now? (327033) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (278439) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (6806415) **12.35** Film: The Bit Player (797076) **2.25** Entertainment UK (7575347) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (6255250) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (7792618)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (11946) **9.00** Saved by the Bell (28897) **9.30** Star Street (2615507) **9.55** Kid 'n Play (6852410) **10.20** Kelly (3524168) **10.45** The Adventures of Tintin (4071656) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (6677043) **11.35** The Herbs (6848236) **11.50** Footur (7801830) **12.05pm** The Bluffers (8040946) **12.30** Sesame Street (61781) **1.30** Hangin' with Mr Cooper (58526) **2.00** Film: The Mask of Zorro (823897) **3.40** The Three Stooges (6638323) **4.00** Garden Club (743) **4.30** The Wonder Years (255) **5.00** Countdown (1410) **5.30** Brookside (507) **6.00** Newyddion (166149) **6.10** Heno (753217) **7.00** Jacpot (8946) **7.30** Hollol Bananas (84656) **8.30** Newyddion (6101) **9.00** Summer's Out: Out On Strike (4965) **9.30** Cheers (39491) **10.00** I'll Fly Away (854588) **10.55** Travellers' Tales (101033) **11.55** Dream On (919762) **12.25am** Summer's Out. Sleaze Ball: Feed Them to the Cannibals (9972347)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Cartoons (5716043) **6.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1887656) **6.50** The DJ Kat Show (57687138) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (62743) **10.00** Card Sharks (6813439) **10.25** Concentration (7735149) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (2014025) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (67149) **12.00** E Street (31385) **12.30pm** Three's Company (73859) **1.00** Falcon Crest (61014) **2.00** Once an Eagle (8295897) **2.55** Another World (2791120) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5957149) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9217) **6.00** Games World (9188) **6.30** E Street (3120) **7.00** Rescue (8566) **7.30** Full House (9304) **8.00** Around the World in 80 Days (15859) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (27694) **11.00-12.00am** The Streets of San Francisco (48014)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1341385) **9.30** Roving Report (40385) **10.30** Memories (22491) **11.30** Business Report (42033) **12.30pm** Business Report (33507) **1.30** CBS This Morning (34236) **2.30** Memories (44830) **3.30** Travel Destinations (60149) **4.30** Business Report (6217) **5.00** Live at Five (671859) **7.30** Special Report (7946) **8.00** News Hour (40255) **9.30** Talkback (36101) **11.30** CBS News (40965) **12.30am** ABC News (26705) **1.00** Newswatch (82279) **1.30** CBS News **2.30** Memories (56927) **3.30** CBS News **4.30** Special Report (54057)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (3438323)
10.00 Talent for the Game (1991) Baseball drama with Edward James Olmos (77675)
12.00 Tom Brown's Schooldays (1951, b/w): John Howard Davies plays the Rugby scholar (28762)
2.00pm Butterflies are Free (1972): Goldie Hawn is the girl next door (18946)
4.00 If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium (1969). Hilarious adventures of American tourists on a bus tour (4149)
6.00 Talent for the Game (as 10am) (21410)
8.00 Fatal Love (1991): Coming to terms with AIDS. Starring Molly Ringwald and Lee Grant (45149656)
9.40 UK Top 10 (544946)
10.00 Boyz N The Hood (1991): Friends face the reality of life in Los Angeles (179830)
11.55 Night of the Warrior (1990). A man tries to escape his life of crime (198385)
1.45 Delta Force 3: The Killing Game (1991): Commandos in Arabia (49419291)
4.00 The Murders in the Rue Morgue (1971): Poe's tale, set in 19th-century Paris. Starring Jason Robards and Herbert Lom (86873) Ends at **5.30**

SKYMOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Annie (1981): Aileen Quinn wins the heart of millionaire Albert Finney (78197439)
8.05 Cool Hand Luke (1967): Paul Newman refuses to be bullied (64777192)
10.15 Blue Thunder (1983): Pilots use a state of the art helicopter to tackle crime (253491) Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Gypsy Warriors (1978). War drama with Tom Selleck and James Whitmore Jr (24138)
8.00 Yogi's Great Escape: Adventures of the bears from Jellystone Park (36781)
10.00 Beauty and the Beast (1963): The classic fairy tale, with Joyce Taylor (75217)
12.00 That Kind of Woman (1959): Sophia Loren meets Tab Hunter on a train (26304)
2.00pm Funeral in Berlin (1966): Spy caper with Michael Caine (16588)
4.00 Yogi's Great Escape (as 8am) (5491)
6.00 If the Shoe Fits (1990): Modern-day Cinderella tale with Rob Lowe (55675)
7.30 Xposure (2014)
8.00 Love at Large (1989): Tom Berenger trails the wrong man (31897)
10.00 Double Impact (1991): Jean-Claude Van Damme plays twins seeking revenge for their parents' murder (447743)
11.50 Texasville (1990): Jeff Bridges finds his oil fortune evaporating (212304)
1.50am Death Valley (1982): A boy witnesses a murder (4399219)
3.20 Windprints (1989). John Hurt stars as a news cameraman working in Namibia (750892). Ends at **4.55**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (79156) **7.30** Pro Beach Women's Volleyball (17410) **9.00** Prime Bodies (20168) **9.30** Polo (82385) **10.30** Rugby Union: Australia v South Africa (80878) **12.30pm** Premier League Football. Swindon Town v Liverpool (63101) **2.30** US PGA Golf (50656) **4.00** Sports Special (5762) **4.30** Power Boats (1946) **5.00** Windsurfing (9472) **5.30** Trucks 'N' Tractor Power (5526) **6.00** Soccer News (858385) **6.15** Wrestling Challenge (751697) **7.00** Monday Night Football: Aston Villa v Manchester Utd (18968149) **10.15** Soccer News (707588) **10.30** Ringside Superbouts (22656) **11.30** Cycling (88168) **12.00-2.00am** Football (as 7pm) (99724)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (18439) **8.00** Golf Murphy's English Open (74965) **10.00** Cycling (59168) **12.00** Motorsport Report (52255) **1.00pm** ATP Tennis (55217) **3.00** Tennis WTA Tournament (18472) **4.00** Motorcycling (37507) **5.00** IndyCar Racing (3675) **6.00** Eurofun (7507) **6.30** News (8859) **7.00** Athletics (17168) **9.00** Boxing (44385) **10.00** Football (47472) **11.00** EuroGolf (79192) **12.00** News (83502)

UK GOLD

7.00am Defenders of the Earth (5487471) **7.30** Neighbours (2437156) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1209304) **8.30** EastEnders (1208675) **9.00** The Bill (1222255) **9.30** The Pallisers (1920946) **10.30** South of the Border (2110878) **11.30** Rhoda (8887033) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1202491) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5006304) **1.00** EastEnders (8837912) **1.30** The Bill (5005675) **2.00** George and Mildred (1556762) **2.30** Shelley (9326978) **3.00** Dallas (8898149) **4.00** Dynasty (8877656) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1547014) **5.30** Give Us A Clue (5726912) **6.00** Neighbours (8978435) **6.30** The Pallisers (8884946) **7.30** George and Mildred (4576679) **8.00** EastEnders (1576526) **8.30** Shelley (1555033) **9.00** South of the Border (1501526) **10.00** The Bill (1203120) **10.30** Naked Video (1229168) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9896052) **11.45** Dr Who (7390439) **12.15** Film: Run of the Arrow (4184453) **1.45-2.05** Video Bites (71558298)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Jack in the Box (22897) **7.00** The Care Bears Family (7979061) **7.55** Ratkan II (2029110) **8.30** Hammerman (37472) **9.00** Pugwall's Summer (51052) **9.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (77588) **10.00** The Finder (44033) **10.30** He-man (57236) **11.00** Spiff and Hercules (60859) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (61588) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (30439) **1.00** The Dreamstone (74762) **1.30** Gravedale High (70675) **2.00** Adventure (8762) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (4052) **3.00** The Care Bears Family (2556323) **3.25** Ratkan II (5185491) **3.30** The Berenstain Bears (6897) **4.00** Bobobobs (5304) **4.30** Betty's Bunch (1588) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (9014) **5.30** Saved By The Bell (5168) **6.00-7.00pm** Fame (89323)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Shakespeare's Last Plays
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, presented by Piers Burton Page. Including: Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending: New Philharmonia Orchestra under Adrian Boult with Hugh Bean, violin); Wagner, transcr Liszt (Spinning Chorus, Der Fliegende Holländer: Louis Kentner, piano), Alfven (Swedish Rhapsody No 1: Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra under Neeme Jarvi); Respighi (Trittico Botticelliano: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Tamas Vasary)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Rodrigo and Falla The Paris Years, presented by Raymond Calcraft. Falla (Vivan los que rien! La vida breve. Act 1); Rodrigo (Dos esbozos); Falla (Harpsichord Concerto); Rodrigo (Preludio al gallo mañanero, Zarabanda lejana, Serranilla, Cinco piezas infantiles)
10.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk with José Fegali, piano, performs MacCunn (Overture: Land of the Mountain and the Flood), Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor), Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica)
11.35 Prom Artist of the Week: Yuri Bashmet performs Beethoven, arr Mahler (Quartet in F minor, Op 95)
12.00 First among Originals Nicholas Anderson introduces recordings by Vienna Concentus Musicus. Bach (Oboe d'Amore Concerto in A, BWV 1055); Cantata No 5, Wo soll ich fliehen hin?; Brandenburg Concerto No 6 in B flat, BWV 1051)
1.00pm News
1.05 The Other Five: French chamber music by composers whose music was often heard in the Paris of the 1920s. Jacques Ibert (Concertino da Camera: Academy of St Martin under Neville Marriner with John Harle, saxophone)
1.35 Test Match Special. England v Australia. The final day's play in the Sixth Test presented by Brian Johnston, Jonathan Agnew, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Neville Oliver. Further commentary from Trevor Bailey, Vic Marks
6.10 Evening Sequence
7.30 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall, London. The Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra under Mariss Jansons with Midori (violin) in her Proms debut, performs Schnittke (K, ein Sommernachtstraum), Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in D); Strauss (An Alpine Symphony). In the interval at **8.20** Peter Paul Nash talks to Mariss Jansons
9.50 Bridget Riley — Five Dialogues on Art: A Reputation reviewed. Andrew Graham Dixon talks to Bridget Riley about her career and some of her concerns (r)
10.10 Solo Cello. Christopher van Kampen plays Britten (Cello Suite No 3, Op 87); James Patten (Three Pieces for solo cello: "... for nothing", In memoriam Samuel Beckett)
10.45 Book, Music and Lyrics. Robert Cushman presents a personal view of musicals
11.30 Music Restored: Corelli's English Followers. London Baroque perform a selection of John Ravenscroft's trio sonatas in the context of concertos by Corelli
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Heroic Failures: a series of classic disasters and farcical might-have-beens in readings from Stephen Pile's bestseller **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Live Wires: A nationwide guide by Richard Coles and Emma Freud to the appetites and aversions of the British people
10.00-10.30 Worldy Wise (FM only): Pete Hobday with guests Tony Hawkes, Charles Kennedy, Rosalind Miles and Caroline Quentin
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from City United Reformed Church
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Kings (2/8) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour discusses railway branch lines; asks what the number three means; talks to Shelley Faye Lazar on oriental needlepoint; and chooses a vinaigrette salad dressing. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Inside Money (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25pm Brain of Britain 1993. See Choice **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Charlie Muffin. Brian Freemantle's anti-hero is left out in the cold — his own department is after him and so is the KGB. They haven't reckoned on Charlie's strength of character though because he is determined to escape alive and well and rich. With Philip Jackson, Sandor Eles and Peter Howell (r)
3.30 Conversations with Historians: John Miller talks to Linda Colley, Professor of History at Yale University, about her most recent work, *Britons*
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: *talks to the* biographer Antonia Fraser as she publishes her new book on Charles II; reviews the new *Concerto* television series; and reports from the Edinburgh Festival
4.45 Short Story: The Waltz. To mark the centenary of Dorothy Parker's birth, Elizabeth McGovern reads one of her most popular short stories
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: The antidote to panel games with Humphrey Lyttelton (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 My First Two Plays: Brian Clark looks back with mingled pain and pleasure to his debut as a playwright
7.35 The Monday Play: The Chicago Conspiracy Trial. See Choice
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Heather Payton **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Max Easterman
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Lost Salt Gift of Blood by Alistair MacLeod and read by Colin Stinton
11.00 You Heard It Here First: Delve Special (r)
11.30 The Gypsy Genius: The guitarist Django Reinhardt (r)
12.00 News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** (LW only) As World Service

CHOICE

The Chicago Conspiracy Trial. *Radio 4, 7.35pm.*
BBC radio has done many co-production deals with American studios and actors — rarely, however, to such ear-grabbing effect as with this drama-documentary about the 1969 Chicago trial in which eight men denied conspiring to incite a riot (anti-Vietnam, and anti much else too) the year before. Peter Goodchild's dramatisation of the trial transcripts, with interpolated comments from many of those involved in the sensational hearings, have produced an amalgam of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* and an anarchic Woody Allen comedy.

Brain of Britain 1993. *Radio 4, 12.25pm.*
Still unrivalled as a general knowledge contest after 41 seasons, and with Ian Gilles still setting the questions after 18 of those years, *Brain of Britain* reaches yet another last round this afternoon. Four finalists remain out of the original 48 hopefuls who went down like doughty ninepins. They are Geoff Colton, Ian Sadler, Barry Jones and Kentigern Smith. What *Brain of Britain* would be like without the scrupulously fair and witty chairing of Robert Robinson is something I hope we will not find out for many years yet. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Steve Edwards (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1FM Summer Roadshow from The Square, Barry Island, Wales **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Loud and Proud **9.00** Out on Blue Six with Mark Radcliffe **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Barbara Sturgeon **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** The Best of Jazz with Kenny Baker **10.00** Jazz Greats: The Woody Herman Story (3/8) **10.30** Debbie Greenwood and Paul Cola **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. *6.00am World Service 6.30 Danny Baker's* Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.15** The Haunting of Sophie Bartholomew (r) **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Test Match Special: England v Australia. The final day's play of the Sixth Test **1.10pm** Student Choice '93 **2.00** Summer Sport **6.30** The Green Hornet **7.15** Kiss the Dust by Elizabeth Laird (1/10) (r) **7.30** Champion Sport **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stories **5.45** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Recording of the Week **7.30** The Fight Against AIDS **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Images of Wales **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Parallel Lives **10.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **10.45** Sport **11.00** The Fight Against AIDS **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Composer of the Month: Felix Mendelssohn **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Brain of Britain **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stories **3.45** The Miles Kington Interview **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** One Blood — A History of Jamaican Music **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** On Screen **12.30** Multitrack 1 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Game, Set and Match **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Brain of Britain **4.00** News **4.15** Sport

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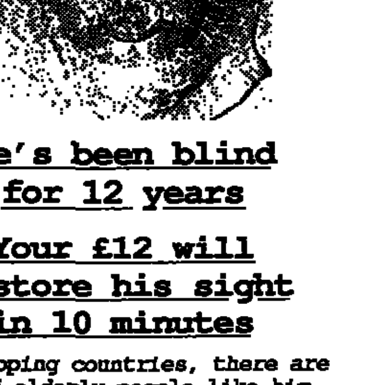
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Derek Bourgeois (Trombone Concerto) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classical Gas **8.00** Evening Concert: J.S Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 1 in F, BWV 1046); C.P.E. Bach (Magnificat in D minor) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

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BUSINESS

Pay races ahead of inflation in private sector

BY LINDSAY COOK
DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

SALARY rises in the private sector are racing ahead of those in public services. Deals negotiated by private employees over the past three months have been running at up to four times those of state workers, according to a report from Incomes Data Services.

Almost all pay increases over the summer have been "well ahead of the rate of inflation", the employment research consultancy says. After analysing 71 settlements last month, the organisation expects the trend to continue.

In the three months to July, rises have been bunching at between 2 and 4 per cent in the private sector, while those in the public sector have been sticking at the 1.5 per cent government limit. During July, four new pay freezes were recorded, compared with 35 in January, and 20 in April. In total, 24 awards were worth 3 to 3.9 per cent, nine were worth 4 to 4.9 per cent and two between 5 and 5.9 per cent.

July pay deals included a 4.75 per cent average merit award at Scottish Equitable, 4 per cent performance-related pay for 7,000 people at Guardian Royal Exchange and 3.75 per cent at the Nationwide Building Society. Texaco staff enjoyed a 3.7 per cent rise, most Glaxo employees saw 3.5 per cent and there was a 3.45 per cent average merit increase at the Alliance & Leicester Building Society.

In the public sector, staff of London Underground, British Rail and the BBC were among those who received 1.5 per cent, just ahead of inflation at 1.4 per cent. Industrial civil servants agreed 1 per cent rises together with the consolidation of a £1 a week bonus and an extra day's holiday.

The IDS analysis of more than 100 groups of managers shows them averaging just over 3 per cent in the May to July period, the same as the previous three months. "This steadying of management awards over the last six months may indicate that pay pressures on companies are easing as a result of improved economic expectations," the report concludes. "A fall in the proportion of companies implementing pay pauses or freezes supplies further tentative evidence that salary constraints are relaxing."

PETER TREVINOR



ICL, the computer group, was one of five companies competing in a strange tug-of-war yesterday at British Airways's Hatton Cross maintenance base. The winner was Taylor Woodrow, whose team of 40 pulled all 90 tonnes of Concorde 100 metres in 62 seconds. BA finished runners-up just two seconds behind in 64 seconds. About £25,000 was raised for the airline's Dreamflight charity, which sends seriously ill children to Disneyworld in Florida.

Gas faces split into ten companies on demerger

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

■ British Gas shareholders could get windfall gains if shares are issued in demerged gas companies to comply with the Monopolies and Mergers report

BRITISH Gas is expected to divide its gas trading activities into as many as ten companies for sale separately if the government implements break-up recommendations unveiled last week by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The break-up could come well ahead of the 1997 deadline recommended by the MMC if a timetable can be agreed with the government.

Division of the activities would strengthen the hand of the core British Gas pipeline company in negotiations with its customers and reduce the risk of further official action to curb the market dominance of the trading arm.

Demerger would mean that British Gas shareholders would receive shares in the new company or companies.

The UK supply business, which had sales last year of about £6 billion, is expected to be an early candidate. An alternative would be to sell the companies to trade rivals. The flotation of separate companies without an individual track record would be more difficult.

Breaking the corporation up into a number of companies would probably increase the proceeds that British Gas can reap from a sale and open the way for vigorous bidding for parts of the business by foreign utilities anxious to gain experience of operating in a competitive market.

The fragmentation of the company is regarded as increasingly probable by industry commentators. It is also seen as highly likely by Dave Stirzaker, leader of the Unison union's 32,000 gas workers, after discussions with Cedric Brown, the British Gas chief executive, last week.

After a nine-month enquiry, the MMC said that British Gas should be forced to divest its gas trading arm to remove the conflict of interest caused by its role as both operator and customer of its core pipeline business. It is not certain that the government will adopt the MMC findings, or make the parliamentary time required to enact the necessary changes to the Gas Act.

However, plans for accounting separation of the trading business, which will be required by the year end, come what may, are already well advanced within British Gas.

Signs are growing that the company will divest all its downstream activities, including the gas showrooms, already the victim of savage cutbacks, and the appliance maintenance business.

However, the impact on employee numbers remains unclear. Union officials accuse the company of scaremongering with threats that 20,000 of the 76,200 UK workforce will lose their jobs.

They believe that the figure is merely a projection obtained from calculations on cost savings needed to protect profits, without regard to the labour requirements of the business.

"When you ask British Gas where these jobs are going to go from, they seem to have no idea," Mr Stirzaker said.

Union leaders say that British Gas will face growing difficulties in shedding staff. Job-shedding to date has been achieved by voluntary redundancy and early retirement. However, most of the over-50s have already left. Those remaining are less likely to be attracted by payoffs unless the employment market improves markedly.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, will consider the MMC report next month when he returns to work at the trade department after a heart attack.

Eight out of ten Conservative MPs support the ending of the monopoly of British Gas, according to a poll commissioned by ScottishPower's gas subsidiary, Caledonian Gas. Of the 100 MPs on the panel, 79 per cent of the Conservatives backed open competition and a quarter of the Labour MPs supported the recommendations of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Housing price rise 'needed to aid recovery'

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE British economic recovery is likely to run out of steam unless there is a boom in investment or a clear rise in asset prices, such as house prices, according to a study by Lehman Brothers, the American investment bank.

The conclusions suggest that even lower base rates, perhaps as low as 4 per cent, may be necessary to ignite healthy economic growth after a recession that was characterised by falling asset prices and high levels of private-sector debt.

The author, Jane Edwards, of Lehman Brothers' London research team, has found that the amount of debt held by consumers is not as important to their propensity to spend as what is happening with asset prices and the ability to service debt.

The implication of this is that continued recovery in consumer spending depends on a rise in asset prices — and in Britain house prices are probably most critical — and/or a further fall in the cost of servicing debt.

The study's findings suggest that real consumption growth this year could amount to 3 per cent, but that this could fall to less than 1 per cent next year as higher taxes erode disposable income and the worth of continuing low wage rises is undermined by higher inflation.

Gerald Holtham, chief UK economist at Lehman Brothers, said: "If asset prices do not rise or interest rates fall further, there is no reason why the savings ratio should fall any further. We are not talking about a collapse in consumer spending, but a slowdown from this year's levels, and that is negative for recovery prospects."

The current prospects for house price rises are not auspicious, with building societies reporting, on balance, only that prices are stabilising.

Building societies have made it clear said that a half-point cut in base lending rates would probably not lead to lower mortgage rates.

Clerical Medical rejects demands over funds

BY TONY HETHERINGTON

CLERICAL Medical International, the offshore investment arm of the Clerical Medical insurance group, has rejected demands from a Cyprus company for a six-figure payment as an out-of-court settlement in its fight to recover £20 million of investors' funds.

The £20 million was managed by Bankhall Investment Management, a Fimbra member company in Cheshire. Fimbra has suspended two Bankhall directors after complaints from Clerical Medical that the money was transferred to a bank account in Cyprus without proper authority.

The Cyprus account is in the name of Hanover Bank, a small bank licensed by the government of Antigua and headed by Tony Fitzpatrick, a Dublin businessman. According to Bankhall, the money was sent to Cyprus as security for the purchase of prime bank guarantees, which were to have been obtained through Kinitor Ltd, a local company.

Kinitor has obtained an injunction, freezing the Cyprus account. It has since approached Clerical Medical, requesting a payment in exchange for lifting the injunction and consenting to the return of the funds to the UK.

Rick May, deputy chief executive of CMI Financial Services, said: "They have made several offers to us which, when we have spoken to them, have changed, or they have retracted the offers. We have not been able to have what we would consider to be a proper discussion through our lawyers about a way of settling this."

A court in Cyprus will now sit on Wednesday to determine whether the injunction should be lifted or continued.

Clerical Medical has also begun legal proceedings in the UK against David Warnock, Bankhall's managing director, and Philip Simons, a business associate, for allegedly putting investors' funds at risk. Both men are countersuing, alleging that Clerical Medical has defamed them in a letter to investors and in comments to the press.

Clerical Medical is also enquiring into the role played by Mr Fitzpatrick. High Court records in the Irish Republic show five judgments against him for sums owed to various banks.

Disney sees no date for happy ending

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

MICHAEL Eisner, chairman and chief executive of Walt Disney, said this weekend that he could not predict when its Euro Disney, France, would pull out of the red. It is forecast to lose £200 million in the year to September 30.

He said: "You don't like to bleed any longer than you have to. A lot of attention is being spent in Paris on how to resolve this, as well as conversations with our company here, but I don't know how long it will take. We'll live with it as long as we have to, but we certainly would like it to be shorter than longer."

Mr Eisner dismissed as "ludicrous" suggestions that the £3 billion park will close, and said: "There's a lot misinformation being talked ... the consumer response has been monumental." However, he confirmed that expansion had been delayed and that property development would not go ahead immediately, but declined to say whether Walt Disney would have to put more money into the project.



Eisner: public problem

"The parent company's financial obligations are a complicated matter and I can't go into that," he said. "We have a big stake in it already. We would like to see it resolve itself, but we do not know how the parent company and Euro Disney are going to react."

In less than a month, Walt Disney has raised £200 million and asked the Securities and Exchange Commission for consent to raise £660 million for "general purposes".

Walt Disney has said that Euro Disney losses will continue all summer and hit full-year profits of the US parent.

Mr Eisner said: "The problem in Euro Disney is that it's a public company and every financial moment has to be reported. Somehow there's an obsession with our finances which is a little embarrassing."

Mr Eisner added: "As a shareholder of Euro Disney, this project is extremely important to us. I think it puts a tent pole of the Walt Disney company in the middle of Europe which ten years from now will be an icon for the company and for the entertainment business. We believe it is a long-term positive for our shareholders and for Euro Disney shareholders. My only problem is, I can't tell you how long it's going to take."

Shortfall tops £4bn at LUI subsidiaries

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

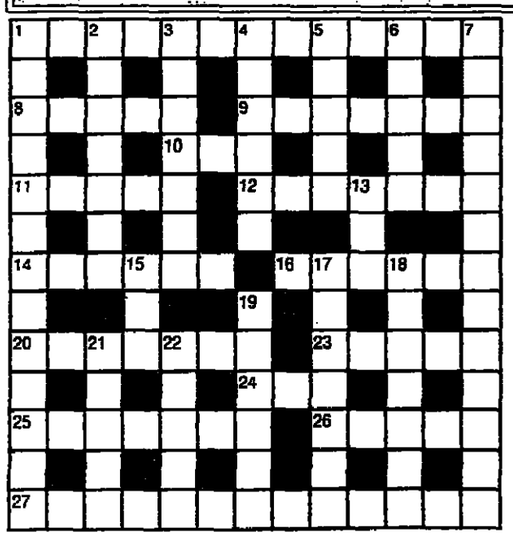
THOUSANDS of people owed money by five insolvent insurance subsidiaries of London United Investments (LUI), the collapsed property and investment company, will this week hear that the companies' shortfall in funds has escalated to more than £4 billion.

Potential losses are said to have reached £4.5 billion, nearly £1.5 billion worse than thought.

Chris Hughes and Ian Bond, of Cork Gully, joint provisional liquidiators of the KWELM companies — Kingscroft, Walbrook, El Paso, Lime Street and Mutual Reinsurance — have so far recovered $280 million of assets. The liquidators are sending the 90,000 to 100,000 KWELM creditors a fast-track repayment plan this week. This is expected to be followed by the long-awaited publication of the trade and industry department enquiry into LUI, which is also being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office.

The liquidators are set to meet creditors on November 15, and if the necessary 75 per cent approval for the plan is given, creditors would receive an "initial distribution of dividends within the first nine months of 1994," Mr Hughes said.

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16 Very warm (3,3)
20 Bad (7)
23 Intense (5)
24 Total (3)
25 Frequent visitor (7)
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SHAKESPEAREANS

EMILIA
a. A twin's lover
b. Iago's wife
c. A saucy serving wench

LUCIUS
a. A false friend
b. A tribune of the Plebs
c. A companion of Romeo

POLIXENES
a. A king
b. A comforter of Timon
c. A chum of Pericles

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a. A counsellor
b. A lover
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